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DIGHTON

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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1951

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Resigned

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Finance Committee

DR. ARNOLD E. WORDELL, Chairman
CHARLES W. HARRIS, Clerk
JOSEPH K. MILLIKEN, Jr. DR. CHARLES M. SOUZA
ROBERT H. LEEMING CAESAR ARAUJO
THOMAS P. BARRY, Resigned G. RUSSELL HORTON

School Committee

EUGENE WHITE, Chairman
P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
EDWARD C. FRENCH, Secretary
P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
CHARLES SWARTZ, P. O. North Dighton, Mass.
LAWRENCE MENDOZA, P. O. Dighton, Mass.
RICHARD DIMELLO, P. O. Dighton, Mass.
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DONALD HATHAWAY, P. O. Dighton, Mass.
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DONALD HATHAWAY, P. O. Dighton, Mass.
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JOHN W. SYNAN, P. O. North Dighton, Mass., Resigned

Chief of Police

WILBUR S. MENGES, P. O. Dighton, Mass.
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JOHN W. SYNAN, P. O. North Dighton, Mass., Resigned

ACCOUNT OF AUDIT

Mr. Francis X. Long,
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Dighton for the period from December 12, 1950, the date of the previous examination, to November 19, 1951, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked for the period of the audit.

The books and accounts kept by the town auditor were examined and checked in detail. The general and appropriation accounts were analyzed and proved. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's cash book, while the payments as entered were checked with the treasurer's cash book and with the treasury warrants. The appropriations as shown on the ledgers were checked with the town clerk's records of town meetings, the necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on November 19, 1951.

Attention is called to the provisions of Section 56, Chapter 44, General Laws, which requires that the

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treasurer shall, until January tenth, enter in his books all items for the payment of bills incurred and salaries and wages earned during the previous year, which expenditures shall be deemed to be as of December thirty-first preceding. Attention is also called to Section 64, Chapter 44, General Laws, which specifies the manner in which appropriations for the payment of bills incurred in a previous year may be voted.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book was footed and the recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds. The cash balance on November 19, 1951 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks of deposit and by actual count of the cash in the office.

The recorded payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed, the income being proved and the recorded transactions being verified.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the redemptions were verified, and the tax titles on hand were listed, reconciled with the auditor's ledger, and checked with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

It is recommended that proceedings be started by the town treasurer to foreclose the right of redemption on all tax titles held over two years, as required by law.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked. The town and district taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise outstanding according to the previous examination and all subsequent commitments were audited and proved. The cash books were footed, the reported collections were compared with the payments to the town and district treasurers, the abatements as recorded were checked to the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The records of departmental accounts receivable were examined. The charges were analyzed, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The outstanding tax, excise, and departmental accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and the districts, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

It was noted that the town voted under Article 5 of the warrant for the annual town meeting on March 14, 1949 that the collector of taxes shall collect under the title of town collector all accounts due the town. It is therefore recommended that all departmental accounts receivable be committed to the town collector in accordance with the vote passed.

The financial accounts of the town clerk were examined for dog and sporting licenses issued, the reported payments to the town and State being verified.

The surety bonds of the town officials required by law to file them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The financial records of the selectmen, the sealer of weights and measures, and of the health, school, and library departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town, were reconciled with the treasurer's and the auditor's books.

It is recommended that consideration be given to the appointment of a town accountant in accordance with Section 55, Chapter 41, General Laws, which provides that a town may authorize the selectmen to appoint such an officer. Such action would provide for a pre-audit of all bills and payrolls before they are paid by the treasurer.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and the collector's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, and departmental accounts, together with tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

During the progress of the audit cooperation was extended by the town officials, for which I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE

Assistant Director of Accounts

Report of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has met seven times since its organization meeting which was called by the Selectmen and plan to hold four more meetings before the Annual Town Meeting.

We spent one evening with the Selectmen prior to the Special Town Meeting and one evening each with the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, the School Committee, the Chiefs of the Fire and Police Departments, Library Trustees, the Selectmen, Town Social Worker, and Welfare Agent and the Town Auditor.

The purpose of these meetings has been to familiarize the Committee with the appropriations of the various departments in preparation for consideration of the 1952 budgets.

We appreciate the assistance and cooperation shown to us by the Selectmen and heads of all Departments.

ROBERT H. LEEMING

CAESAR ARAUJO

Dr. CHARLES M. SOUZA

JOSEPH K. MILLIKEN, Jr.

G. RUSSELL HORTON

CHARLES W. HARRIS, Jr. Sec'y

Dr. ARNOLD E. WORDELL, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

To the Voters and Taxpayers of the Town of Dighton:

It has been the policy of our predecessors to review in considerable detail the finances of the Town for the year. Since this part of our report would cover several pages and because it is covered so thoroughly in both the reports of our Auditor and Town Treasurer, we respectfully call your attention to these reports for complete financial analysis.

In spite of the unfortunate strike at the Mount Hope Finishing Company in mid-year which added to the Towns' financial burden in at least two departments, the unexpended balance in our appropriation accounts as of December 31, 1951 was \$7,550.54.

Since the resignation of John W. Synan as Chief of Police it has been necessary for the Town to finance its own Police Department and headquarters. At a Special Town Meeting held in October it was voted to operate this department under Chapter 97 instead of 96. Because of extra police protection required at Mount Hope Finishing Company during the crisis, and fully financing a department since, the meager appropriation made at the Annual Town Meeting in March, \$2500.00, proved entirely inadequate, necessitating a transfer of \$4,110.00 from the Reserve Account.

It also became necessary to take over the Fire Department at North Dighton. A temporary arrangement with Mount Hope Finishing Company gives the Town the use of the Station, the Town to bear the cost of heat-

ing and lighting, telephones, etc. Some equipment for the men and apparatus had to be purchased as well as 500 feet of new hose. This made a small deficit in our Fire Department Account necessitating the transfer of \$141.36 from the Reserve Account.

Other than the above deficits it is gratifying to report that all departments have been able to do business with no appreciable deficits, and many as indicated by our Auditor's report show substantial balances.

During the year the Dighton-Berkley Bridge has been completely redecked with heavy planks which are surfaced with an asphalt coating. This has been a decided improvement both in the way of safety and elimination of noise so disturbing to residents within a half mile radius of the structure. The work was done under Chapter 90 at a contract price of \$22,427.00, Town of Dighton's share of the cost to be \$15,698.90. The approach to the bridge has been widened and a substantial concrete curb and guard rail constructed.

On Lincoln Avenue in North Dighton some 800 feet of concrete drainage pipe have been laid ending the nuisance of surface water and other drainage problems of several residents in that section of the Town.

Center Street from Berkley Bridge to the railroad bridge has been widened and soft shoulders eliminated.

Several of our Town buildings have been piped for water. It was the suggestion of the Selectmen that this work be paid for out of the current budgets of the departments involved.

During the year the Town has suffered the loss of several of its most valued officials. Mr. John Bolger had

served the Town for nearly twenty years as Selectman efficiently and well.

In September, Mr. William F. Hathaway, because of ill health, was forced to resign. His term of office extending over a period of eleven years as Town Auditor and Selectman has been faultless, and the Board has yet to find anyone in the Town who has anything but the best things to say about "Bill Hathaway." No one felt the loss of this Board Member any keener than the present Chairman, who overnight found himself Chairman, and this during a crisis such as this and very few other Towns have ever been unfortunate enough to experience.

Another resignation soon followed that of Mr. Hathaway and was regretted by a host of friends of Mr. John Synan, who has served the Town for the past 33 years, as Constable, Deputy Chief and Chief of Police. He dispatched the duties of his office with great dignity and efficiency and whether in the courtroom or on duty anywhere else he was always a credit to the Town. Officials at the Agricultural School in particular appreciated "Jack Synan."

In October the resignation of Mr. George H. Gilbert was accepted with regret. Mr. Gilbert served the Town in the capacity of Civil Defense Director, a post carrying no compensation. The Board was particularly fortunate in the appointment of John Cash to succeed Mr. Gilbert. Mr. Cash immediately reorganized the department and his enthusiasm will do much to make a success of what may become a very vital organization. His close association with and knowledge of both fire and police department work will stand in good stead.

The resignation of Mr. John Synan also left us with no Chief of the Fire Department at North Depart-

ment, one of the several posts held by him. Not only did we find ourselves without a Chief in North Dighton, but with no fire protection at all for that community. It was necessary to ask Chief Donald Hathaway and his men at the south end of the Town to cover the entire Town for a time until a new department could be organized for North Dighton.

It was then that Mr. Henry Burt came forward and volunteered to assist the Selectmen in organizing a new department. He was given full authority to go ahead and as was anticipated immediately called for volunteers and a new department was soon under way. Donald Hathaway consented to act as Chief for the whole Town for the present and since this post carries no salary his service to the Town is considerable. A red network telephone system was installed and equipment for both men and apparatus was purchased to meet minimum requirements. A great deal of credit is due Mr. Burt for his valuable assistance in organizing the North Dighton Department so promptly.

The Board has held 52 regular meetings. Eleven special meetings were necessary to deal with strike problems.

At a Special Town Meeting held on November 6, it was voted to operate our Police Department under Chapter 97, which calls for a full time Chief of Police. Mr. Wilbur Menges was appointed Chief of Police and his salary was set at \$3,380.00. For the present he is using his own car for patrol work.

In conclusion the Board wishes to thank all the Town Officials with whom we have been privileged to work for their cooperation. We shall not attempt to list them here for fear of leaving some one out. Suffice it

is to say our Town is fortunate in having so fine a corps of public officials.

It has been heartening to have the advice and helpful cooperation of our Finance Board. Seven joint meetings have been held with them since March.

Your Chairman is particularly indebted to many of the Townspeople, including Mr. Dwight F. Lane, for their kindly suggestions and encouragement, particularly last summer, when the "going was difficult."

WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES
H. JUDSON ROBINSON

Selectmen of Dighton

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

To the Citizens of Dighton:

The Welfare Account appropriation amounted to \$8,000.00 and the expenditures for the year totaled \$5,595.69. Recovery on this account amounted to \$282.00 from Town recipients and \$150.00 from outside sources. We started the year with 8 active cases, added 15 new cases during various times of the year but closed the year with 9 cases. The total expenditures for these cases was \$5,330.91, and in addition we aided 3 Dighton settled cases living in other Towns at a cost of \$264.78, making the total cost \$5,595.69.

The Aid to Dependent Children appropriation amounted to \$6,000.00. On January 1, 1951 there was

a U.S. Grant balance of \$1,128.26 and our Federal reimbursements during the year amounted to \$2,760.79. Our total expenditures for this department in 1951 amounted to \$7,472.76. We started the year with 5 active cases representing 13 children. Three cases were added during the year and we closed the year with 6 cases representing 12 children.

The Old Age Assistance appropriation amounted to \$26,000.00. During the year Federal reimbursements amounted to \$18,316.55. The total expenditures for 1951 were \$38,466.32. We started the year with 46 cases, added 12 new cases during the year, closed out 7 cases and ended the year with 51 cases.

The Taunton Greyhound Association again contributed \$500.00 to the Dighton Christmas Basket Fund. This gift was distributed to our needy in Town and was greatly appreciated.

WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,
H. JUDSON ROBINSON,

Board of Public Welfare

Report of the Board of Health

The total expense of the Board of Health for 1951 in providing health and sanitation service was \$3,530.75, leaving a balance of \$453.49 from \$3,984.00 appropriated to meet these requirements.

The Board of Health has continued to deliver water to the stricken areas in the south end of the Town due

to the polluted conditions of wells. This situation should change due to the installation of water in the Dighton Water District which includes this area.

The South Dighton Volunteer Firemen's Association has again manned the ambulance service which is an asset to the people of the Town. Excepting for a breakdown on a trip to a hospital in Boston this service has been prompt and efficient. The entire cost of this service to the Town was \$364.46 which includes gas, oil, repairs, drivers and laundry. The net cost to the Town for this service is less than one dollar per day.

We extend the thanks of the Board to Mrs. Esther Bowden for a fine job. The fact that the health of the community is generally good is due in a large measure to her efficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES
H. JUDSON ROBINSON

Board of Health

Report of the Community Nurse

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report for 1951.

My work as Community Nurse has been conducted in the same manner as previous years, with an increase

in bedside nursing, treatments, and injections as each year passes.

Many patients were taken to clinics, hospitals, and doctors' offices in Boston, New Bedford, Fall River, Taunton and Attleboro. The Dighton ambulance was used not only for emergencies, but also for the safety and comfort in the transportation of patients.

No new cases of Tuberculosis were reported, however, one death from this disease was recorded. Surely the educational program, X-ray and early diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, and follow up work of the Tuberculosis Association has proven more than worth while. Although their work has been conducted for many years, the increase in good reports has shown us the value of the program.

The annual Toxoid, Pre-school, and Dental Clinics were again well attended. A triple-antigen (for the immunization of diptheria, whooping cough, and tetanus) was used for the first time at the Toxoid Clinic.

I attended as many of the current meetings and conferences in my schedule, as could be arranged, for they prove very helpful in learning new methods and ideas.

Again I wish to express my appreciation to the Town Officials for their help and cooperation, and also to the community organizations for their generous contributions and support.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R.N.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1951	\$186,192.89
Receipts in General	\$389,519.89
Received from Bond Issue	470,000.00
Premium on Bonds	737.90
Accrued Interest	28.74
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Total Receipts during the Year	860,286.53
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	\$1,046,479.42
Selectmen's Warrants paid during the year	574,254.52
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Balance in Treasury December 31, 1951	\$472,224.90

See Auditor's report.

DWIGHT F. LANE,
Town Treasurer.

Report of Cemetery Fund

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit Jan. 1, 1951	Interest Rec'd.	Paid for Care
Sarah Babbitt	\$100.00	\$197.51	\$3.96	
Briggs Lot	125.00	238.64	4.79	\$9.00
Mary J. Briggs	100.00	118.99	2.38	
George E. Francis	100.00	151.60	3.04	
Joseph Gooding	142.75	172.11	3.45	4.00
Truman N. Goff	100.00	131.36	2.63	
George H. Horton	100.00	178.87	3.58	3.00
Nelson Horton	100.00	158.83	3.18	
Sylvanus Jones	100.00	194.53	3.90	4.00
Josiah R. Talbot	100.00	144.18	2.89	3.00
Dr. A. J. Smith	150.00	185.37	1.82	5.00
Martha L. Smith	50.00	50.84	.51	1.00
Nathan Walker	100.00	119.75	2.39	4.00
William Walker	250.00	306.65	6.15	10.00
Williams Lot	100.00	179.29	3.60	4.00
Thomas B. Witherell	100.00	121.28	2.43	
Benjamin F. Goff	100.00	130.64	2.61	
Davis W. Francis	100.00	125.68	2.57	
N. Allen Walker	150.98	303.37	6.09	10.00
Oliver P. Simmons	721.00	721.38	14.49	14.00
Francis J. Wheeler	100.00	118.11	2.37	
William D. Goff	100.00	109.75	2.19	
Robert S. Waterman	100.00	114.70	2.29	
Joseph G. Thaxter	100.00	114.57	2.29	
Submit Babbitt	50.00	52.26	1.04	
Ebenezer Gay	50.00	51.94	1.03	

Emerson W. Goff	100.00	118.49	2.37	
Shubel Wheeler	100.00	101.02	1.02	
Westcott & McNally	200.00	207.59	2.08	
Wendell Weed	100.00	102.23	2.05	
Emeline Williams	100.00	100.09	2.01	2.00
Zenas H. Goff	150.00	178.40	4.58	
Job Paull	100.00	118.23	2.37	
Albert F. Goff	50.00	50.81	.51	
Edgar A. Essex	200.00	227.95	4.57	6.00
John H. Horton	100.00	104.48	2.09	
John H. Harlow	100.00	101.78	2.03	
Alfred A. Horton	100.00	103.33	2.07	
Ephira Goff	100.00	103.71	2.07	
Helen C. Briggs	75.00	84.40	1.69	1.50
Westcoat Lot	200.00	204.41	4.10	1.00
Joshua Bliss	5,000.00	5,133.59	103.17	60.00
Arthur A. Hathaway	200.00	217.22	4.36	1.00
E. & J. Lincoln	200.00	211.23	4.24	4.00
Gilbert Strange	200.00	200.60	4.02	4.00
Charles E. Carr	500.00	507.89	10.19	8.01
Nancy C. Jones	150.00	159.12	3.19	1.00
Jesse P. Goff	100.00	100.02	2.01	1.00
Emery White	100.00	104.41	2.09	2.00
Elbridge G. Francis	200.00	201.01	4.04	
Harriet M. Briggs	200.00		.67	

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The regular annual Town Meeting for Election of Officers was held in the Town Hall on March 5, 1951. Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A. M. by the Town Clerk in the absence of the Moderator, and Elaine Varley was elected Moderator pro-tem. The polls were opened for voting at 10:01 A. M. and balloting was under the supervision of the following Election Officers: Catherine J. Sherman, Anna Carvalho, Robert Phillips, Anna Simmons, Elaine Varley, Helen Atwood, Mary S. Perry, Francis W. Clemmey, Hazel Reed, Florence I. Perry, George W. Rose and Agnes Murray. The Polls were closed at 8:00 o'clock P. M. Ballots having been assorted and counted, the results were declared as follows:

Moderator for one year—Wayne M. Philbrook.

Selectman for three years—William F. Benevides.

Board of Public Welfare for three years—William F. Benevides.

Auditor for one year—Ruth D. Leeming.

Town Treasurer for one year—Dwight F. Lane.

Assessor for three years—Frank R. O'Connell.

School Committee for three years—Edward C. French and Lawrence J. Mendoza.

Trustee of Public Library for three years—Edward D. Greenlaw.

Tree Warden for one year—Henry P. Goff.

Oyster Warden for one year—Dwight F. Lane, Howell S. Carr and Louis H. Carr.

Fish Warden for one year—Dwight F. Lane, Howell S. Carr and Louis H. Carr.

The regular annual Town Meeting was held in the Town Hall on March 12, 1951. Moderator Wayne M. Philbrook called the meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Voted: To accept the various reports of Town Officials as published in Town Officer's Report for 1950.

Voted: That the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officials and Committees.

Voted: That the Town Treasurer be bonded for \$18,500 and the Town Collector be bonded for \$23,000.

Voted: That the salaries of Elected Town Officials be established for 1951 as follows:

Moderator	\$ 20.00
Town Treasurer	1,050.00
Town Clerk	550.00
Town Collector	1,150.00
Town Auditor	728.00
Assessors:	
Chairman	500.00
Clerk	500.00
Others	400.00 each

Selectmen:

Chairman	440.00
Others	200.00 each

Board of Welfare:

Chairman	200.00
Others	100.00 each

Board of Health:

Chairman	200.00
Others	100.00 each
Tree Warden	35.00

School Board:

Secretary	25.00
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Voted: That the Town raise by taxation, and/or by transfer of available funds from the Surplus Revenue Account, the following appropriations necessary to defray Town charges and assessments as approved by the Finance Committee:

High School Construction Bonds	\$ 4,000.00
High School Addition Notes	2,500.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes	215.63
Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital	3,814.27
Mosquito Control	225.00
School Department	156,621.00
School Water Supply	700.00
Public Library	1,600.00
Welfare Department	8,000.00
Old Age Assistance	26,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	6,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Board of Health	3,984.24
General Relief Administration	2,186.32
Fire Department	3,891.00

Police Department	2,500.00
Street Department—General Fund	3,750.00
Street Department—Sidewalk Maintenance	400.00
Chapter 81—Highway Fund	6,900.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance Account	500.00
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	900.00
Gypsy Moth Department	1,000.00
Care of Town Elms	750.00
Memorial Day Observance	110.00
General Government	14,177.23
Tax Title Redemption Costs	200.00
County Retirement Fund	803.10
Civil Defense Account	500.00

Voted: That the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Overlay Surplus Revenue Fund to a Reserve Account in accordance with Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws.

Voted: That the Town appropriate and transfer \$650.00 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account for the purpose of operating and maintaining Town owned Highway Equipment.

Voted: That the proceeds of the Dog Tax refund be appropriated to the use of the School Department.

Voted: That the Town transfer from the Excess and Deficiency (Surplus Revenue) account the sum of \$4,375.00 to cover Chapter 90 Construction on Dighton-Berkley Bridge.

Voted: That the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to Highway Revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County for Chapter 81 and 90 Highway Maintenance.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1951 and to issue a note or notes, therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Voted: That the maximum hourly wage for laborers employed by the Street Department be \$1.00 per hour.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages for land taken in conjunction with the 1951 Highway Program under Chapters 81 and 90.

Voted: That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at public auction or private sale, all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

Voted: That the report of the School Building Committee be accepted as a report of progress.

Voted: That the Town accept Brook Street extension to Williams Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Voted: That the Town accept Hart Street extension to Williams Street as laid out by the Selectmen.

Voted: Voted that it be resolved that it is the will of the Towns People that the Selectmen make a study of the matter of doing something to Millers Lane and report at the next Town Meeting.

Voted: Voted that the Town adopt the By-Law on Civil Defense as listed in the Town Warrant under Article 22.

The Moderator appointed the Finance Committee as follows: Joseph K. Milliken, Jr., Thomas P. Barry, Dr. Arnold E. Wordell, Caesar Araujo, Dr. Charles M. Souza, Robert H. Leeming, Charles W. Harris.

Voted: To adjourn at 9:40 P. M.

The Special Town Meeting was held in the Town Hall on November 6, 1951. Moderator Wayne M. Phil-Brook called the meeting to order at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Voted that the Town accept Section 97 of Chapter 41 General Laws, giving the Selectmen the right to establish a Police Department under the direction of the Selectment, and to appoint a Chief of Police.

Voted that the Town establish a salary for the Chief of Police in the amount of \$3,380.00 per year.

The following appointments were made by the Selectmen for the year, each being duly sworn to faithful performance of duties thereof:

Constables: John W. Synan, Arthur F. Sprague and H. F. McConville.

Police Officers: Ernest H. Atwood, Eric A. Christenson, Charles M. Gilbert, Raymond Horton, Harry F. McConville, Wilson L. Reid, Owen W. Synan, John W. Synan, J. W. LeRoy Latimer, Albert Reed, Frank Virdinlia, Russell Conn, George L. Goulart, John R. Ingham, Samuel Pine, John R. Stanley, Arthur F. Sprague, Esther Bow-

den, Levite F. Carrier, Cassius Cummings, John Gray, Isaac Wilson.

Reserve Police Officers: James A. Ashcroft, Charles Brooks, Arthur Contildes, John W. Harrison, Thomas Nelson, George Rubadou, Frank Souza, Jr., Maurice Boucher, Charles Broadbent, Robert C. Chadwick, Walter Hamilton, Harold Sherrington, John Rogers, William H. Paul, Joseph T. Medeiros, Walter Plonka, Manuel L. Francis, Joseph R. Perry, Louis White, Willis F. Barlow, Charles A. Briggs, Francis W. Buckley, Frank Gracia, Thomas Higgins, Benjamin C. Sherman, Edward Torres, Harry F. Willis, Charles Mason, David A. Robinson, Robert S. Turner, William Ashcroft, Charles E. Gracia, Wilbur S. Menges, Frank Cambra, William Duarte, John A. Medeiros, Earle Smith, Louis Carr, Joseph Dupont, Ernest Horton, George Gracia, Anthony Andrews, Arthur Alves.

Special Police Officers (Arnold Hoffman Co.), Karl Spratt, Lyle Ingalls, Burton Simmons, Willis Barlow, Milton Chace, George West.

Special Police Officers: (Mt. Hope Finishing Co.), Alexander Booth, Robert T. Synan, James R. Coyle, Leon A. Talbot, Edmund Menard, Arthur Cottrell, Lawrence Ryan, Antone Medeiros.

Public Weighers: (Arnold Hoffman Co.) Wendell B. Carey, Arthur O. Gove, Dalton T. Maynard.

Public Weighers: (Mt. Hope Finishing Co.) Joseph F. Alexandre, Levite Carrier, Frank G. Dutra, John L. Kudlacik, James F. McGowan, Arthur A. Netto, Frank Posca, Harry Tranter, Joseph Bargantine, Raymond M.

Chadwick, William F. Hathaway, Louis J. Litalien, Henry J. Menard, Manuel Pacheco, John Taylor.

Sealer of Weights & Measures: Donald B. Hathaway.

Inspector of Milk: Peter F. Connolly.

Inspector of Animals: Lester Briggs.

Superintendent of Streets: Henry P. Goff.

Gypsy Moth Superintendent: George W. Rose.

Inspector of Slaughtering: Arthur F. Sprague.

Constable for South School: John Gray.

Constable for Somerset Water Works: Henry Reckord.

Auctioneer: John W. Synan.

Registrar of Voters: Francis Buckley.

Harbor Master: Wilbur Menges

Accident Compensation Agent: Harry S. Bridgford.

Measurer of Wood: Raymond Marble, Raymond Horton.

Field Driver and Pound Keeper: Raymond Horton.

Fence Viewer: Frank R. O'Connell, Arthur F. Sprague, Raymond Horton.

Agents of Health Department: Dwight F. Lane, John W. Synan.

Chief of Police: John W. Synan.

Chiefs of Fire Department: John W. Synan, Donald B. Hathaway.

Veterans' Agent: Theodore Boucher.

Election Officers: Precinct A—Anna Simmons, Catherine J. Sherman, Anna Carvalho, Selma V. Wall, Robert Phillips, Frank H. Boothby, Emily Boothroyd, Evelyn Synan, William J. Hagen, Kenneth A. Buckley. Precinct B—Elaine B. Varley, Helen E. Atwood, Florence M. Reed, Manuel Amaral, Francis W. Clemmey, Mary S. Perry, Marion G. Oehrle, Hamilton Sweet, Manuel J. Araujo, Lillian Deslauriers. Precinct C—Rose Bolger, Florence I. Perry, George W. Rose, Irene S. Goulart, Florence Sprague, Hazel Reed, Agnes Murray, Bernice Darling, Mary Allie.

The following licenses were issued during the year 1951:

All Alcoholic Restaurant Licenses:

	Date of Issue	Date of Expiration
Thomas F. DiNucci	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
James H. & William E. McCarthy	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951

All Alcoholic Package Store Licenses:

Annie Mendoza	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Joseph Brazil, Jr.	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Mendoza's Package Store	May 28, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951

Automobile Dealer's License:

Paul B. Lassen	Jan. 1, 1951	Jan. 1, 1952
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Auctioneer:

Rupert Bradley	Feb. 15, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
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Cabins License:

Fall River Girl Scouts	Feb. 23, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Nathan T. Ladd	Feb. 28, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
D. M. Angell	Mar. 26, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951

Common Victualler's License:

Thomas F. DiNucci	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
James H. & William E. McCarthy	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
David A. Gazzola	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Gertrude M. Coyle	Jan. 2, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Albert Enos	Jan. 2, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Mt. Hope Finishing Co.	Jan. 2, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Theodore B. Ladd	Apr. 5, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Bristol Catering Co.	Apr. 16, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951

Dancing Permit:

James H. & William E. McCarthy	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
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Denatured Alcohol License:

Carl P. Gorden	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Paul B. Lassen	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
North Dighton Garage	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Russell H. Phillips	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Francis Garage	Jan. 1, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951
Joseph A. Allie	Aug. 30, 1951	Dec. 31, 1951

Entertainment License:

Alfred S. Rose	Apr. 26, 1951	June 24, 1951
Stanley W. Ferrier	July 1, 1951	Sept. 2, 1951

Firearms License:

William S. Raposa	May 1, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
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Garbage Permit:

Antone Medeiros	Jan. 18, 1951
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Ice Cream Manufacturer:

Theodore B. Ladd	Apr. 5, 1951	Mar. 1, 1952
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Junk License:

Lawrence Carpenter	Feb. 9, 1951	May 1, 1951
George F. Sylvia	Mar. 8, 1951	May 1, 1952
Henry Wood	May 1, 1951	May 1, 1952
Paul F. Splaine	May 25, 1951	May 1, 1952
Charles L. Leonard and William Jacobs	June 25, 1951	May 1, 1952

Lord's Day License:

Theodore B. Ladd	Apr. 5, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
David Gazolla	Apr. 26, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
John Silva, Jr.	Apr. 30, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
Knotty Pine Restuarant	May 2, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
Peter Kossoi	May 2, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
Richard Parchesco and Clinton Rose	May 2, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
William F. Benevides	May 3, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
Harry S. Linnell	May 4, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
Albert Enos	May 7, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
Thomas F. DiNucci	May 8, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
William Bliffins	May 10, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
Taunton Yacht Club	June 27, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
Joseph A. Allie	Aug. 30, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
Maurice Boucher	Nov. 30, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952

Milk Licenses: (Stores)

Bristol Catering Co., Albert Enos, Gertrude M. Coyle, Peter Kossoi, Richard Parchesco and Clinton Rose, David and Ann Gazzola, James H. and William E. McCarthy, Benevides Market, Thomas F. DiNucci, John Silva, Jr., William Bliffins, Harry Linnell.

Milk Licenses: (Dealers)

Devine Milk Laboratory, H. P. Hood & Sons, Townley Dairy, Berube's Dairy, Reise's Dairy, Laneway Farm.

Sausage Manufacturing License:

Manuel Borges	Apr. 16, 1951	Apr. 30, 1952
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Wines & Malt Beverages:

Bristol Catering Co.	Apr. 16, 1951	June 23, 1951
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A Dog Racing Meeting License was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. beginning April 27, 1951 and ending June 23, 1951 from 7:00 P. M. to 12:00 midnight.

Attest:

DWIGHT F. LANE

Town Clerk

Births Recorded During the Year 1951

Date	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
20	Nancy M. Stanley	Charles W. and Christine I. Stanley
20	Robert Waldo Adams	Clarence W. and Priscilla J. Adams
FEBRUARY		
5	Beverly Ann Spearin	Raymond M. and Otilia A. Spearin
15	Charles Baxter Ball	George W. and Susie M. Ball
MARCH		
3	Audrey Ellen Stafford	Hugh L. and Ruth Stafford
18	Paul Joseph Hayden	Julian L. and Frances Hayden
18	Bleau	Norman N. and Catherine M. Bleau
25	Helene Mary Bissonnette	Joseph C. and Ethelyn Bissonnette

Date	Name	Parents
APRIL		
10	Elizabeth Ann Corey	William H. and Mary E. Corey
19	Ralph Edward Reynolds	Ralph E. and Terese A. Reynolds
MAY		
2	Marilyn Medeiros	Antone and Mary Medeiros
13	Charles Andrew Gracia	Charles E. and Madcline Garcia
16	Elizabeth Ann Brooks	William and Merilda I. Brooks
21	Pamela Anne Totten	Theodore J. and Dolores M. Totten
JUNE		
7	Kevin Edward Emsley	Robert J. and Alice Emsley
13	Jeffrey Blair Rose	Francis H. and Helen Rose
13	John Paul Poissant	Nelson and Alice Poissant
7	Louis Rezendes	Louis and Gertrude Rezendes
18	Donald G. Oldmixon	George E. and Marjorie A. Oldmixon
JULY		
10	John William Synan	Owen W. and Ursula Synan
12	Wayne Noel Andrews	William N. and Inez Andrews
14	Gary Ralph Rose	Ralph and Theresa Rose
31	Alan Wayne Torres	Edward L. and Diamontina Torres
20	John Stephen Bradley	John I. and Virginia R. Bradley
15	Donna A. Zasmuta	John and Marceline Zasmuta
AUGUST		
13	Edward Louis Davis	Louis and Victoria Davis
15	Bettencourt, Kimball Scott	Frank and Ruth Bettencourt
23	Pamela Elaine Simmons	Gorden A. and Ruth Simmons
26	Gladys Benevides	William and Gladys Benevides
27	Carolyn Fort	Ben W. and Rose Marie Fort
SEPTEMBER		
3	Irene Roderick	Antone J. and Mary M. Roderick
8	Carlton A. Simmons	Carlton A. and Marion Simmons
16	Ervin Lee Cambra	Manuel P. and Sylvia M. Cambra
18	Donna Celeste Adams	J. Luther and Shirley C. Adams
21	Donald Lloyd Pomber	Lloyd R. and Irene Pomber
26	Linda A. DeMello	Manuel S. and Eleanor DeMello
28	Meredith Ann Chase	Arthur L. and Dorothy Chase

Date	Name	Parents
OCTOBER		
1	Arnold William Manley	Arthur W. and Elizabeth Manley
NOVEMBER		
8	Robert Franklin Smith	Horace F. and Josephine T. Smith
9	Stephen Craig Parchesco	Richard and Marion Parchesco
11	Edward Bryant Rose	George F. and Mae L. Rose
17	Francis Stephen Slusarz	Francis and Helen M. Slusarz
18	John D. Penacho	John and Mary A. Penacho
26	Donald Richard Corey	Alfred and Alice Corey
DECEMBER		
3	Francis M. Ferreira	Francis M. and Isabel F. Ferreira
5	Richard G. White	John and Evelyn White
15	Pauline A. Clement	Roland L. and Ethel E. Clement

Marriages Recorded During the Year 1951

JANUARY

- 27 Joseph M. Morris of Dighton and Shirley May Schricker of North Attleboro by Robert S. Beecher, Minister.

FEBRUARY

- 3 Roger Allen Costa of Dighton and Doris A. Yette of Rehoboth by Lester M. Johnson, Justice of the Peace.
- 5 Joseph W. Perry, Jr. of Dighton and Roberta M. Sherman of Dighton by John F. Laughlin, Priest.
- 14 Ben W. Fort of Tennessee and Rose Marie Gracia of Dighton by John F. Laughlin, Priest.
- 17 David Robert Peck of Dighton and Norma Joan Arieta of Taunton by William H. Dolan, Priest.

APRIL

- 7 John Gilbert Simbrom of Somerset and Mary Ann Rose of Dighton by William H. Dolan, Priest.
- 14 Louis Pinto of Taunton and Irene Theresa Ferreira of Dighton by William H. Dolan, Priest.
- 14 Stanley Moskal of Berkley and Patricia A. Strange of Dighton by James K. Allen, Minister.
- 21 Antone R. Costa of Dighton and Marie T. Vincent of Taunton by Leo J. Duarte, Priest.
- 28 Philbert Torres of Taunton and Elizabeth Marie Sherman of Dighton by William H. Dolan, Priest.
- 28 Wilfred E. Wilbur of Lakeville and Geraldine Marie Braga of Dighton by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 28 Dwight Francis Perry of Dighton and Alice Madeleine Pineo of Taunton by David W. Buzzell, Minister.

MAY

- 5 Thomas Armstrong of Greensboro, N. C., and Cassie Jackson of Malcos, Ga. by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 18 Glenn Moute Ostrander of Newport, R. I. and Patricia Helen McCracken of Dighton by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 30 William P. Willette of Taunton and Nancy Kay Reynolds of Dighton by Edward L. Killigrew, Priest.
- 30 Anthony Gomes of Taunton and Anna Reis of Dighton by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.

JUNE

- 2 Francis J. McCarthy of Dighton and Leona L. (Taro) Crane of Fall River by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 2 Stephen T. Shores of North Dartmouth and Maria H. Souza of New Bedford by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 17 Solomon Elmasian of Danielson, Conn. and Diane S. Bozian of Dighton by Shahe Altonnisan, Clergyman.
- 23 Harry L. Lesure of Fall River and Dorothy M. Robinson of Dighton by Herman C. Johnson, Minister.
- 30 Charles L. Bissonnette of Dighton and Emma C. Young of Raynham by Herman C. Johnson, Minister.
- 30 Moses Clark of Taunton and Susie (McCoy) McCane of Taunton by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 30 Herbert C. Talbot of Taunton and Mary E. Simmons of Dighton by Joseph Gamson, Clergyman.
- 30 Roy S. Horsman of Dighton and Kathryn M. Swenson of Providence by Raymond F. Murphy, Priest.

JULY

- 1 Richard E. French of Dighton and Muriel F. Munroe of Rehoboth by Harold O. Worster of New Bedford, Clergyman.
- 8 Elijah Johnson of Dighton and Maxine Young of Dighton by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.

- 21 George J. Perry of Dighton and Shirley J. Travis of Taunton by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 29 Fred Brown of Dighton and Virginia O. Washington of Dighton by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.

AUGUST

- 2 Manuel Morris of Dighton and Veronica M. Kane of Dighton by Ralph J. Gallagher, Priest.
- 20 Gerald Whitmore of Dighton and Dolly May Knorr of Dighton by M. Stetson Lincoln, Clergyman.
- 25 George E. McCracken of Dighton and Alice I. Colvin of Lakeville by Lawrence A. Nyberg, Clergyman.
- 25 Nelson W. Sherman, Jr., of Dighton and Evelyn J. Eames of Taunton by John F. Laughlin, Priest.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Herbert F. Wyatt of Taunton and Joyce A. Fisher of Dighton by William H. O'Reilly, Priest.
- 8 Raymond R. Dube of Portsmouth, R. I. and Mabel S. Lawry of Dighton by John F. Laughlin, Priest.
- 8 James C. Makris of Boston and Mary E. O'Connell of Dighton by William H. Dolan, Priest.
- 8 William Perry Suite of Dighton and Hilda (Mello) Viera of Fall River by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 8 Francis L. Rose of Dighton and Catherine H. Donahue of Taunton by Edward L. Killigrew, Priest.

- 8 John L. Waterman of Rehoboth and Clara E. Hayes of Dighton by George H. Douglas, Minister.
- 15 Ralph A. Woodward of Dighton and Madeline T. Quagan of Taunton by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 16 Willie L. Campbell of Dighton and Emma M. Clemons of Dighton by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 17 Joseph R. Medeiros of Dighton and Eileen Brum of Fall River by F. C. Bettencourt, Priest.
- 22 Raymond P. Walczak of Dighton and Rosemary Loftus of New Bedford by James F. McDermott, Priest.
- 22 Byron E. Haskins of Dighton and Stella L. Tavers of Dighton by John F. Laughlin, Priest.
- 29 Ralph W. Goff of Dighton and Eleanor L. Lenney of Rehoboth by James E. O'Reilly, Priest.

OCTOBER

- 6 Charles C. Hoffshire of Dighton and Marian B. Jordan of Dighton by Dwight F. Lane, Justice of the Peace.
- 11 Robert Carter of Taunton and Maggie (Makin) Ashcroft of Dighton by S. T. Lippincott, Minister.
- 12 John T. Ellis, Jr., of Dighton and Winifred E. Costa of Dighton by Robert Lee Dutton, Minister.
- 13 Brant S. Haworth of Taunton and Myrtle L. McInnis of Dighton by William H. Dolan, Priest.
- 20 Joseph V. Cabino of Taunton and Mary H. Morris of Dighton by William H. Dolan, Priest.

- 27 Francis B. McClellan of Taunton and Janice R. Horton of Dighton by Robert Lee Dutton, Minister.

NOVEMBER

- 3 Francis Blaine Hawkes of Dighton and Alma V. Salve of Seekonk by Ralph L. Tucker, Clergyman.
- 10 Philip K. Hathaway of Dighton and Blanche I. Delaive of Pawtucket, R. I. by Joseph J. Lambert, Priest.
- 12 Joseph F. Roderick of Dighton and Doris A. McDermont of Taunton by Francis McKeon, Priest.
- 24 Joseph C. Hathaway of Dighton and Della Wagner of Taunton by Joseph L. Powers, Priest.
- 24 Stanley Haygarth of Dighton and Elena Maroccio of Providence, R. I., by Thomas I. Myrick, Priest.

DECEMBER

- 9 David P. Horton of Dighton and Olivia Rapoza of Dighton by M. M. Sequeira, Minister.
- 15 Richard F. Renoe of Long Beach, California and Gladys I. Marsden of Taunton by Robert Lee Dutton, Minister.
- 21 David A. Robinson of Dighton and Sarah E. Hallsell of Taunton by S. T. Lippincott, Minister.

Deaths Recorded During the Year 1951

Date	Name	Y.	M.	D.
JANUARY				
13	William E. Downey	51	11	14
21	Elizabeth Snow	72	—	—
25	Helen E. Leonard	65	—	—
FEBRUARY				
3	George E. Cole	78	10	5
8	Leonora M. Hart	77	2	22
8	Mary Roderick	42	7	2
10	Francisca DeSilva Perreira	96	—	—
MARCH				
14	Mary T. Morris	46	—	—
18	Elizabeth R. Guthrie	81	11	—
APRIL				
9	Bertha Phillips	72	5	20
MAY				
18	Washington Brown	30	7	21
22	Harry C. Perry	67	4	16
23	William H. Jack	49	4	20
27	Wilson L. Reid	43	1	22
28	Edna Jenness	53	2	24
30	Amy A. Chace	93	1	18

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JUNE

3	Mary E. Hearey	88	10	29
18	Freda Swartz	38	—	—
19	J. Willis Andrews	77	—	24
21	Joseph Francis	78	—	—
28	Manuel P. White	72	—	—

JULY

3	Elmer L. Springer	69	5	18
25	Harry S. Bridgford	70	8	18

AUGUST

1	M. William O'Connell	64	6	5
12	Maunsell H. Connolly	61	4	11
16	Michael J. Badejo, Jr.	8	7	11
28	Grace N. Moore	75	8	—

SEPTEMBER

5	Carrie E. Davis	77	7	14
9	Elizabeth Monteiro	60	—	—

OCTOBER

12	Lois Horton	56	7	28
15	Lavinia McKeen	89	1	28

NOVEMBER

9	Marion L. Burton	62	—	—
14	Isadore M. Horton	79	7	14
27	Michael F. Flannery	81	—	—

DECEMBER

6	Mary V. Lowney	80	—	—
8	Francis W. Clemmey	67	10	9
31	John A. Enos	69	—	21

JURY LIST — 1951 - 1952

Name	Occupation	Address	Post Office
Ashworth, Raymond	Dairyman	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Bissonnette, Joseph C.	Salesman	Pleasant St.	Dighton
Borba, Antone G.	Trucking	Somerset Ave.	Dighton
Brightman, Alan B.	Chemical Worker	Pleasant St.	Dighton
Clay, Harold B.	Finisher	Bedford St.	No. Dighton
Danbury, George B. C.	Importer	Horton	No. Dighton
Dunne, James D.	Postal Clerk	Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Freitas, Tobias	Chemical Operator	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Harrison, John W.	Salesman	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Haskell, Walter R.	Auto Machanic	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Hawkes, Wyman E.	Instructor	Centre St.	Segreganset
Hixon, Laurence W.	Tree Worker	Main St.	Dighton
Ingalls, Lyle C.	Watchman	Centre St.	Segreganset
Menard, Roy J.	Millwright	Bedford St.	No. Dighton
Menges, Wilbur S.	Boat Builder	Water St.	Dighton
Miguel, Manuel S.	Chemical Worker	Elm St.	Dighton
Newcomb, Benjamin R.	Textile Worker	Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Oehrle, Spencer D.	Maintenance Man	Centre St.	Segreganset
Oldmixon, E. Roland	Textile Worker	Elm St.	Dighton
Perry, Arthur	Truck Driver	Smith St.	No. Dighton
Perry, Dwight F.	Mechanic	Chase St.	No. Dighton
Pine, Frank Jr.	Textile Worker	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Poole, Eugene B.	Retired	Summer St.	No. Dighton
Raposa, William S.	Laborer	Pleasant St.	Dighton
Simmons, Percy B.	Tax Collector	Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Smith, Earle M.	Carpenter	Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Stafford, Lawrence	Textile Worker	Chase St.	No. Dighton
Steele, Vernon H.	Painter	Spring St.	No. Dighton
Swan, Clarence W.	Maintenance Man	Mt. Hope St.	No. Dighton
Torres, Frank C.	Unemployed	Main St.	Dighton
Woodward, Harold O.	County Extension Agent	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Martin, Malcolm C.	Textile Worker	School St.	No. Dighton

Jurors Drawn During 1951

January 10, 1951—

Charles A. E. Sears, Jr., Somerset Ave., Welder
Robert L. Smith, Spring St., Accountant
Norman S. Bowen, Main St., Retired
Edwin R. Wyeth, Center St., Teacher

February 7, 1951—

Kenneth Chase, Bow St., Textile Worker
David A. Millard, Center St., Instructor

March 7, 1951—

Charles Kay, Chase St., Textile Worker
Osman D. Crotty, Lincoln Ave., Cloth Inspector

March 9, 1951—

Kenneth A. Buckley, School St., Unemployed

May 9, 1951—

Frank H. Boothby, Pearl St., Retired

August 15, 1951—

Lyle C. Ingalls, Center St., Watchman
Wilbur S. Menges, Water St., Boat Builder

September 19, 1951—

Manuel S. Miguel, Elm St., Chemical Operator
Dwight F. Perry, Chase St., Auto Mechanic
Earle M. Smith, Lincoln Ave., Carpenter
Eugene B. Poole, Summer St., Retired

October 10, 1951—

E. Roland Oldmixon, Elm St., Textile Worker
Joseph C. Bissonnette, Pleasant St., Salesman

December 12, 1951—

George B. C. Danbury, Importer, Horton Street

Annual Report of Dighton Assessors

We herewith submit to the citizens of Dighton our Annual Report for the year 1951.

Appropriations

Town Appropriations	\$250,713.52	
Appropriations from		
Available Funds	110,091.20	
Tax Title Fourclosure	200.00	
Due to Abatements in Excess		
Of Overlay in 1949	67.50	
State Parks and Reservations	585.09	
State Audit	672.10	
County Tax	11,620.74	
Tuberculosis Hospital	4,387.28	
Overlay	2,334.81	
	<hr/>	\$380,672.24

Estimated Receipts

Income Tax	\$38,538.63
Corporation Taxes	28,066.00
Old Age Tax (meals) Chp.	
64B S10	408.61
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise	16,851.73
Licenses	1,900.00
Health and Sanitation	494.29
Charities (other than federal	
grants for A.D. C.)	2,464.70
Old Age Assistance	18,030.92
Veterans Benefits	813.75
Schools	34,096.27

Libraries	37.32
Interest (on taxes)	185.43
Old Age Tax (meals) Acts of 1950 Chp. 580	357.53
Sealer of Weights and Measures	61.20
Overestimate on County Tax For 1950	534.98
Overestimate on Tuberculosis Hospital for 1950	2,222.84
Taken from Available Funds	110,091.20

\$225,155.40

Total Appropriations	\$380,672.24
Total Estimated Receipts	255,155.40
Total Taxes to be Raised	125,516.84
Value of Personal Estate	330,545.00
Assessed Taxes on Personal Estate	\$11,238.53
Value of Real Estate	3,305,421.00
Assessed Taxes on Real Estate	\$112,384.31
Number of Polls	948
Assessed Taxes on Polls	\$1,896.00
Total Valuation	\$3,635,966.00
Total Taxes Assessed	\$125,516.84
Tax Rate \$34.00 per M.	

Valuations

Land	\$608,045.00
Buildings	2,697,376.00

\$3,305,421.00

Value of Personal Estate

Stock in Trade	\$24,200.00	
Machinery	11,275.00	
Live Stock	50,410.00	
Other Personal	244,610.00	
	<hr/>	\$330,495.00
Motor Vehicles and Trailers	\$475,660.00	
Total Taxes Assessed	19,082.16	

Live Stock

Number of Horses	42
Number of Cows	206
Number of Bulls	1
Number of Steers	13
Number of Yearlings	40
Number of Swine	10
Number of Sheep	35
Number of Fowl	13,985
All Others	15
Number of Acres of Land	12,588
Number of Dwelling Houses	768

North Dighton Fire District

Appropriations	\$7,550.00	
State Audit	81.74	
Overlay	9.80	
	<hr/>	\$7,641.54
Estimated Receipts	\$5,268.00	
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Total Taxes Assessed		\$2,373.54
Value of Personal Estate		\$25,025.00

Assessed Taxes on		
Personal Estate	\$50.05	
Value of Real Estate		\$1,161,746.00
Assessed Taxes on		
Real Estate	\$2,323.49	
Number Assessed		96
Tax Rate \$2.00 per M.		

Dighton Electric Light District

Appropriations	\$3,200.00	
State Audit	20.12	
Overlay	89.36	
		\$3,309.48
Total Taxes Assessed		\$3,309.48
Value of Personal Estate	\$253,735.00	
Assessed Taxes on		
Personal Estate	\$685.08	
Value of Real Estate	972,000.00	
		\$1,225,735.00
Assessed Taxes on		
Real Estate	\$2,624.40	
Number Assessed		334
Tax Rate	\$2.70 per M.	

Dighton Water District

Appropriations		
Interest on Bonds	\$3,891.51	
Operation and Maintenance	1,500.00	
Overlay	230.50	
Total Taxes Assessed		\$5,622.01

Value of Personal Estate	\$197,265.00	
Assessed Taxes on Personal Estate	\$867.97	
Value of Real Estate	1,080,465.00	
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		\$1,277,730.00
Assessed Taxes on Real Estate	\$4,754.00	
Number Assessed		378
Tax Rate	\$4.40 per M.	

Exempted Property

Dighton Schools	\$215,900.00	
Bristol County Agricultural School	282,610.00	
Libraries	19,000.00	
Fire Department	18,000.00	
Police Department	5,000.00	
Sealer of Weights	50.00	
Highway Department	2,000.00	
Cemeteries	1,050.00	
Charitable Institutions	4,850.00	
Water Companies	31,000.00	
Churches and Parsonages	127,500.00	
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		\$706,960.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK R. O'CONNELL
ARTHUR F. SPRAGUE
RAYMOND A. HORTON

Board of Assessors

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Poll Taxes

Balance of 1950 Poll Taxes		
Dec. 31, 1950	\$10.00	\$10.00

Credit

Paid Treasurer	6.00	
Abatements	4.00	\$10.00

Poll Tax Warrants for 1951	1,896.00	\$1,896.00
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Credit

Paid Treasurer	1,642.00	
Abatements	244.00	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	10.00	\$1,896.00

Motor Vehicle Excise

Balance 1950 Excise		
due Dec. 31, 1950	1,438.10	
Additional Warrant		
(Jan. 3, 1951)	8.02	
Added Interest	3.56	\$1,449.68

Credit

Paid Treasurer	1,261.71	
Abatements	54.93	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	133.04	\$1,449.68

Excise Warrants for 1951	19,082.16	
Added Interest	1.80	\$19,083.96

Credit

Paid Treasurer	16,861.47	
Abatements	264.77	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	1,957.72	\$19,083.96

Personal Property

Balance of 1949 Taxes due Dec. 31, 1950	172.73	
Added Interest	4.61	\$177.34

Credit

Paid Treasurer	177.34	\$177.34
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Balance of 1950 Taxes due Dec. 31, 1950	607.58	
Added Interest	7.80	\$615.38

Credit

Paid Treasurer	494.85	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	120.53	\$615.38

Personal Property Warrants for 1951	11,238.53	
Added Interest	1.83	\$11,240.36

Credit

Paid Treasurer	10,670.01	
Abatements	1.70	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	568.65	\$11,240.36

Real Estate

Balance of 1949 Real Estate

Dec. 31, 1950	1,789.00	
Added Interest	105.89	\$1,894.89

Credit

Paid Treasurer	1,742.28	
Abatements	80.51	
Tax Title Account	72.10	\$1,894.89

Balance of 1950 Real Estate

Dec. 31, 1950	5,585.45	
Added Interest	91.63	\$5,677.08

Credit

Paid Treasurer	4,174.64	
Abatements	52.70	
Tax Title Account	67.15	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	1,382.59	\$5,677.08

Real Estate Warrant

for 1951	112,384.31	
Added Interest	17.50	\$112,401.81

Credit

Paid Treasurer	105,849.51	
Abatements	867.00	
Tax Titles Account	278.63	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	5,406.67	\$112,401.81

Dighton Electric Light District

Balance of 1949 Personal

Dec. 31, 1950	8.56	
Added Interest	.44	\$9.00

	Credit	
Paid Treasurer	9.00	\$9.00
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Balance of 1949 Real Estate		
Dec. 31, 1950	48.88	
Added Interest	3.12	52.00
	Credit	
Paid Treasurer	52.00	52.00
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Balance of 1950 Personal & Real		
Dec. 31, 1950	175.00	
Added Interest	2.95	\$177.95
	Credit	
Paid Treasurer	145.27	
Abatements (Personal)	.76	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	31.92	\$177.95
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Personal Property Warrant		
for 1951	685.08	
Added Interest	.16	\$685.24
	Credit	
Paid Treasurer	671.00	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	14.24	\$685.24
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Real Estate Warrant		
for 1951	2,624.40	
Added Interest	1.09	\$2,625.49
	Credit	
Paid Treasurer	2,474.42	
Abatements	36.58	
Tax Title Account	1.08	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	113.41	\$2,625.49
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Dighton Water District

Personal Property Warrant for 1951	867.97	
Added Interest	.15	868.12

Credit

Paid Treasurer	782.01	
Abatements	22.99	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	63.12	\$868.12

Real Estate Warrant for 1951	4,754.04	
Added Interest	1.94	\$4,755.98

Credit

Paid Treasurer	3,904.20	
Abatements	111.54	
Tax Title Account	1.76	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	738.48	\$4,755.98

North Dighton Fire District

Balance of 1949 Real Estate Dec. 31, 1950	9.00	
Added Interest	.49	\$9.49

Credit

Paid Treasurer	9.49	\$9.49
Balance of 1950 Personal & Real Estate, Dec. 31, 1950	22.65	
Added Interest	.53	\$23.18

	Credit	
Paid Treasurer	23.18	\$23.18
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Personal Property Warrant for 1951	50.05	\$50.05

	Credit	
Paid Treasurer	50.05	\$50.05
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Real Estate Warrant for 1951	2,323.49	
Added Interest	.02	\$2,323.51

	Credit	
Paid Treasurer	2,285.91	
Abatements	16.00	
Balance due Dec. 31, 1951	21.60	\$2,323.51
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To the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Dighton:

It is with great satisfaction that this branch of the "Town Offices" has, in the year 1951, as well as in past years, received from the State Auditors, congratulations on the excellent condition of tax accounts in Dighton.

This is a fine reflection of the character of our taxpayers in this town and I personally wish to express my appreciation to these taxpayers for their cooperation with the office of "Tax Collector."

Respectfully,

PERCY B. SIMMONS,

Collector of Taxes

Report of Superintendent of Streets

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Superintendent of Streets:

General Account

Various streets, cleaning out catch basins,

tree work, gravelling putting up	
street signs and fencing	\$1,581.45
Snow plowing, Sanding and Sand	942.87
Grading on Town dump	95.00
Work on truck, gas and oil	105.81
Material and picks sharpened	150.44
Link Fence	193.50
Drag and street brooms	126.55
Pipe	61.20
Lights	36.00
Tree Warden	35.00
Superintendent of Streets	240.00
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	\$3,567.82

Chapter 81:

Andrews St., Tarring, patching and drainage	\$252.88
Briggs St., Scraping and gravelling	1,228.95
Cedar St., Scraping, brush, grading, excavating and gravelling	3,693.25
Centre St., Patching, brush and guard rail	489.44
Chase St., Tarring	239.60
Elm St., Scraping, brush, patching, tarring and catch basin	826.86

Horton St., Scraping, grading, brush and drainage	283.20
Hart St., Patching, brush, drainage and catch basin	433.48
Lincoln Ave., Patching, tarring, gravel-ling, drainage and catch basins	2,845.61
Main St., Drainage and guard rail	218.00
Middle St., Tarring, brush and guard rail	281.55
Pine St., Tarring, grading, gravelling, brush and drainage	3,118.71
Smith St., Tarring, gravelling, brush and drainage	895.78
Spring St., Tarring, patching and drainage	700.74
Tremont St., Tarring, patching, brush, scraping and drainage	471.44
Williams St., Patching, brush, scraping, gravelling, guard rail and drainage	921.98
Wellington St., Patching, brush, gravel-ling and guard rail	565.48
Various streets, scraping, patching, brush, drainage and cleaning catch basins	2,082.97
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	\$19,549.92
Chapter 90:	
Centre St., Excavating and tarring	\$1,500.00

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. GOFF,
Superintendent of Streets

Report of Tree Warden

To the Board of Selectmen:

Herewith is my report as Tree Warden for the year 1951:

I have made inspections in conjunction with the New England Tel. and Tel. Company and Hixon Tree Company.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. GOFF,
Tree Warden

Dogs Licensed in 1951

The following licenses were issued during the year:

Breeders	5
Male	229
Female	38
Spayed	53
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Total	325

Report of Dighton Fire Department

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report for the Dighton Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1951.

There were 63 calls for the Department as follows:

Type	Number
Automobile	3
Brush	8
Buildings (small)	1
Chimney	4
Dump	6
Dwelling	4
Grass	14
Leaves	4
Needless Alarms	3
Oil Burner	2
Poultry House	2
Roadside flare	1
Woods	7
Emergency Calls	2
Flood	1
Truck Accident	1
Outside Calls:	
Berkley	1
Taunton	1

The following are approximate figures on the amount of water pumped, hose laid and ladders raised:

80,680 gallons water
8,050 ft. Booster hose
1,750 ft. 1½ inch hose
1,400 ft. 2½ inch hose
306 ft. ladders raised

Drills on various phases of fire fighting are being held weekly in the North Station under the leadership of Ass't. Chief Henry Burt. Ass't. Chief John Farrar conducted drills throughout the year in the Dighton Station.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Town Officials and the Citizens of the Town for their assistance and fine cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY,

Chief of Dighton Fire Department

and Forest Warden

Report of Dighton Ambulance

Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report for the Dighton Ambulance for the year ending December 31, 1951.

During the year the ambulance made 43 trips as follows:

To Morton Hospital—Taunton	27
To Mass. General Hospital—Boston	3
To Robert Brigham Hospital—Boston	3
To Truesdale Hospital—Fall River	3
To State Hospital—Taunton	1
From Morton Hospital—Taunton	2
From Truesdale Hospital—Fall River	1
From Mass. General Hospital—Boston	1
Called—not needed	2

Patients handled—45

Cases of Illness—30

Victims of Automobile Accidents—11

Occupational Accidents—4

I wish to thank the Officers and Members of the Dighton Fire Department who have so willingly donated their services in manning the ambulance.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY

Chief of Dighton
Fire Department

Dighton Public Library Report

To the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, I herewith submit my report for the year 1951:

Total circulation of books and magazines	15,002
Adult Books	5,928
Juvenile Books	8,399
Magazines	675
Number of Persons using reading room	624
Number of books repaired	240
Collected in fines	\$48.01

During the year 197 books were added.

Respectfully submitted,

HELENA CHAMBERLAIN,

Librarian

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1951.

I have tested, adjusted and sealed the following:

24 Scales—10 adjusted
14 Weights—3 adjusted
8 Liquid measures
20 Automatic Liquid Measuring
Devices—2 adjusted

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY
Sealer of Weights
and Measures

Report of Gypsy Moth Superintendent

To the Board of Selectmen:

Trees have been painted on the streets of Dighton where moth nests were found, as ordered by the Board of Selectmen, under State Supervision at a cost of \$140.00.

The spraying was done by the Hixon Tree Company at a cost of \$450.00.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. ROSE,
Gypsy Moth Superintendent

Report of Police Department

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1951.

Assault	1
Assault and Battery	4
Assault with a dangerous weapon	4
Disturbing the peace	3
Drunkenness	3
Larceny	1
Operating Motor Vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor	3
Operating Motor Vehicle negligently and so as to endanger life	7
Operating Motor Vehicle, (Miscellaneous)	18
Lewd and Laschivious Cohabitation	4
Morals Law violation	1
Malicious injury to property	1
Neglect to provide	1
Arrests and Summons for other Cities and Towns	25
Total	<hr/> 76

Reports to Registry of Motor Vehicles	128
Automobile Accidents (Resulting in Personal injuries)	40
Automobile Accidents (Resulting in Property damage)	52
Complaints received and investigated (since Sept. 12, 1951)	526
Stolen Automobiles Recovered	1

I wish to thank the citizens of our town and all agencies who have helped us in maintaining Law and Order in our Community.

Respectfully submitted,

WILBUR S. MENGES

Chief of Police

Report of the Elementary School Building Committee

Contract for the construction of the eighteen room elementary school authorized by the Town was granted to low-bidder, H. V. Collins of Providence for the sum of \$480,423.00. This amount does not include architect's fee nor equipment, but the committee hopes to complete and equip the building as well as landscape the grounds for the amount of \$550,000.00 voted by the Town on October 23, 1950.

The first shovel of earth was turned by Miss Helen Lane on the afternoon of June 17th in an appropriate ceremony presided over by Mr. John Rolfe, Superintendent of Schools. Workmen were hired with preference given to residents of Dighton, and construction has proceeded apace with W. H. Candelet, superintendent of construction for H. V. Collins. Mr. I. T. Almy is supervising architect. Cornerstone laying exercises were held on November 18th, Mr. Eleanor Smith presiding.

The foundation and furnace room were completed before cold weather and flexicore flooring installed. The cinder block and brick exterior walls are all complete except for the all-purpose room. The same thing is true at year's end for the roof. All essential installations of plumbing and electrical wiring have kept up with construction. Bids for kitchen equipment will be opened on January 4th, 1952.

In workmanship and materials, the new elementary school has surpassed the specified requirements. If build-

ing construction continues at the present rate, as there is every reason to believe that it will, the elementary pupils of Dighton will occupy a new school in the fall of 1952 of which our citizenship may well be proud.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES K. ALLEN, Chairman
Elementary School Building Committee.

Report of Director of Civil Defense

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

A brief report is due you and our fellow townsmen on the status of Civil Defense in the community. While large group meetings have not been called, the organization for effective Civil Defense, in case of need, has been kept intact, and kept informed. Contact with, and the needs of, Regional, State, and National organizations for Civil Defense have been maintained and met.

Closing of Mt. Hope Finishing Company, with resultant changes in community personnel, have necessitated some changes in the personnel of the local Civil Defense organization. Otherwise, the skeleton organization as set up last year has been continued.

That organization today stands as follows:

1. Administration Division. Personnel: John Cash, Director; Arthur Staples and John Synan, Deputy

Directors. Instructors, Glenn Burgmann, Joseph Comerford.

2. Medical and Health Division. Personnel: Dr. Charles M. Souza, Chairman.

3. Rescue, Transportation and Evacuation Division. Personnel: LeRoy Latimer, Chairman.

4. Protection Division. Police — Chief Wilbur Menges, Chairman; Fire — Chief Donald Hathaway, Chairman.

5. Communications Division. Personnel: Charles F. Day, Chairman.

6. Utilities Division. Personnel: Harry Tranter, Chairman.

7. Civilian War Aid Division. Personnel: Peter Tuttle, Chairman.

It will be noted that a new Civil Defense Director for Dighton has been appointed to succeed the writer, whose resignation became effective December 15, 1951. All records, communications, and tangible property that concern Civil Defense were, on that date, turned over to the new Director. The writer has aided, and will continue to aid the new Director in every possible way.

During the calendar year 1950, the sum of \$100.00 was designated by the Board of Selectmen for use in Civil Defense, if needed; and at the regular Town Meeting held on March 12, 1951, the sum of \$500.00 was appropriated for the possible needs of the Civil Defense organization. Up to date of writing, December 18, 1951,

this fund (\$600.00) has been drawn upon to the extent of \$20.56, expended principally for leaflets and booklets better to inform our citizens on possible emergency needs and how to meet them. The purpose of the Director has been to burden the taxpayers as little as possible, without diminishing the effectiveness of the service.

The chief purpose of Civil Defense at this time appears to be an informed citizenry, that every individual of the community may know what to do and what not to do in an emergency.

I understand my successor in office will pick up this work of Civil Defense where the writer has left off, and further develop it that our people will be ready to meet any war emergency if and when it comes.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. GILBERT,
(Director, resigned)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Dighton:

Herewith is a report of the financial transactions of the Town of Dighton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1951.

Classification of Treasurer's Receipts for 1951

Cash Balance as of January 1, 1951. \$186,192.89

Received from Tax
Collector:

1949 Real Estate	
Taxes	\$ 1,636.39
1950 Real Estate	
Taxes	4,083.01
1951 Real Estate	
Taxes	105,832.01
1949 Personal Property	
Taxes	172.73
1950 Personal Property	
Taxes	487.05
1951 Personal Property	
Taxes	10,668.18
1950 Poll Taxes	6.00
1951 Poll Taxes	1,642.00

\$124,527.37

1950 Motor		
Vehicle Excise	1,258.15	
1951 Motor		
Vehicle Excise	16,859.67	
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		\$ 18,117.82

Interest on Taxes:

Real Estate	215.02	
Personal Property	14.24	
Motor Vehicle		
Excise	5.36	
		234.62
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Total Collector's Receipts	\$142,879.81	

Commonwealth of
Massachusetts:

Income Tax	12,380.34	
Corporation		
Tax—(Bus.)	30,342.81	
Meals Tax	345.48	
Public Service		
Franchise Tax	15.90	
1950 Franchise Tax	.66	
School Aid—		
Chapter 70	31,110.97	
Vocational		
Education	6,231.01	
Department of		
Education	2,426.66	
Tuition	120.70	
Welfare—Temp.		
Aid & Trans.	391.23	
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		\$ 83,365.76

Departmental Receipts:

Town Nurse	46.00	
Town Librarian	50.04	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	34.95	
Bureau of Standards	8.00	
School Dept.—		
Dental Fund	497.00	
Vocational Labor	69.35	
Sale Ford Car	1.00	
Sanitary Fund	46.86	
Miscellaneous	31.75	
Telephone Calls and Rebates	42.89	
	<hr/>	827.84

Departmental Revenue:

Aid to Dependent Children:

From State \$2,577.29

Old Age Assistance:

From State 15,004.03

From Cities 710.18

From Towns 399.44

16,113.65

Welfare:

From Cities 207.00

From Towns 1,242.53

1,449.53

School Department:

Tuition (towns) 24,245.40

Tuition
(vocational) 4,267.00

Tuition (others)	697.90
Supplies	26.00
Telephone	137.34

29,373.64

Dighton-Berkley Bridge	3.60
Chapter 90 D-B Bridge	1.25
General Government	19.31
Street	98.53
Veterans' Benefits	861.20

50,498.00

Aid to Highway Revenue:

Chapter 81

State 6,143.35

Chapter 90 D-B Bridge

State 7,020.56

County 2,960.08

9,980.64

16,123.99

U. S. Grants:

Aid to Dependent Children

Administration 287.05

Old Age Assistance

Administration 915.67

Aid to Dependent

Children 2,760.79

Old Age

Assistance 18,316.55

Smith-Hughes Fund 248.70

George Barden Fund 404.14

22,932.90

Town Clerk:

Dog Licenses	739.20	
Court Fines	64.00	
Census List	3.00	
Federal Tax—		
Withholding	22,095.28	
County Retirement	1,177.32	
Road Machinery		
Fund	1,860.00	
	<hr/>	25,938.80

Grants and Gifts:

Police Dept.—		
Special	18,050.79	
Fire Dept.—		
Special	700.00	
Taunton Greyhound		
Association	500.00	
	<hr/>	19,250.79

Licenses:

Common Victualler	\$40.00
Lord's Day	42.00
Sausage	5.00
Milk	9.50
Ice Cream	
Manufacturing	5.00
Beer and Wine	250.00
Alcoholic Beverage	1,000.00
Package Store	400.00
Oyster Bed	
Privilege	50.00
Auto Dealer	10.00
Used Car	10.00
Gas Renewals	3.50

Denatured Alcohol	4.00	
Garbage Permit	.50	
Firearms	6.00	
Auctioneer	2.00	
Golf Driving Range	20.00	
Junk	30.00	
Cabin	1.50	
Storing Dynamite	.50	
Hawkers	8.00	
Advertising Costs	16.38	
	<hr/>	1,913.88

Tax Titles and Possessions:

Tax Titles	1,532.43	
Interest on		
Tax Titles	187.32	
Preparing and		
Recording Deeds	15.00	
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	1,734.75	
Tax Possesions	250.00	
	<hr/>	1,984.75
New Elementary School Site		5,100.00

Sale of Bonds for Elementary
School Building Construction:

Sale of Bonds	\$470,000.00	
Premium on Loan	737.90	
Accrued Interest		
on Loan	28.74	
	<hr/>	\$470,766.64

Treasurer's Unidentified Receipts	70.80
Tailings—Recalled Checks	131.39

Miscellaneous:

Cemetery Bequest	\$200.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	162.50
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	20.10
County of Bristol Dog Fund	550.51
High School Cafeteria Fund	12,745.01
High School Athletic Fund	3,115.39
Elementary School Milk Act.	1,271.67

Recoveries:

Welfare	\$432.00
Veterans' Benefits	4.00
	436.00

Total Receipts	\$860,286.53
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\$1,046,479.42

Classification Of Treasurer's Expenditures For 1951

Departmental:

General Government:

Selectmen's Department:

Salaries	\$806.78
Clerks Salaries	826.23
Travel Expense	9.36
Association Dues	31.00
Miscellaneous	18.00
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	\$ 1,691.37

Auditing Department:

Salary	\$715.54
Office Supplies	47.23
Association Dues	3.00
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	765.77

Treasury Department:

Salary	1,033.36	
Extra Work	150.00	
Surety Bond	92.50	
Travel Expense	37.44	
Association Dues	2.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	77.49	
	<hr/>	1,392.79

Tax Collector's Department:

Salary	1,141.63	
Rent	75.00	
Association Dues	2.00	
Surety Bond	171.50	
Warrant		
Investigations	41.40	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	257.05	
	<hr/>	1,688.58

Assessor's Department:

Salaries	1,799.88	
Travel Expense	77.00	
State and		
County Dues	9.00	
Printing, Stationery		
Postage	122.01	
	<hr/>	2,007.89

Town Clerk's Department:

Salary	541.60
Clerk	24.00
Surety Bond	7.50

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Recording Fees	3.00	
Association Dues	5.00	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	340.37	
Miscellaneous	3.60	
	<hr/>	925.07

Election and Registration:

Registrars	300.00	
Election Officers	130.00	
Census	280.00	
	<hr/>	710.00

Town Office Department:

Insurance (all)	3,337.89	
Telephone	76.67	
Printing, Stationery and Postage	165.70	
	<hr/>	3,580.26

Other Expenses:

Town Reports	732.60	
Advertising Cost	20.55	
Moderator Salary	20.00	
Hydrant Rental	150.00	
Playground	24.00	
Dog Notices	53.39	
Legal Fees	230.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,230.54

Total General Government \$ 13,992.27

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department:

Chief—Salary	\$1,081.38
Wages of Officers	4,019.50

Mileage	589.01	
Telephone	146.43	
Electricity	9.95	
Postage	11.00	
New Equipment	239.32	
Supplies	16.67	
Special Officer	444.27	
Lockup Charges	10.50	
Association Dues	8.00	
Miscellaneous	33.12	
	<hr/>	6,609.15

Police Department—Special:

Mount Hope Fin-		
ishing Co.	\$8,385.79	
Taunton Greyhound		
Assn.	9,665.00	
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Fire Department:

Wages	790.56	
Janitor	180.00	
New Equipment	1,793.79	
Gas and Oil	116.99	
Truck Repairs	10.25	
New Tires		
on Trucks	390.00	
Fuel Oil	269.24	
Light	31.65	
Burner Repairs	38.00	
Telephone	281.05	
Association Dues	5.00	
Water Installation	125.83	
	<hr/>	4,032.36

Fire Department—Special:

Taunton Greyhound Assn.	700.00	
Total Protection of Persons and property		\$29,392.30

Health and Sanitation:

Board of Health:

Administration

Salaries	383.18
Nurses' Salaries	1,344.24
Medical Treatment	46.10
Water Delivery	566.56
Milk Inspector	249.96
Animal Inspector	175.00
Playground Rental	35.00

Ambulance:

Gas & Oil	52.38
Repairs	274.08
Drivers	31.05
Laundry	6.95

Sealer, Weights &

Measures:

New Dies	10.77
Salary	100.00

Telephone 81.98

Dues and Subscriptions 19.75

Vital Statistics:

Births	55.00
Deaths	36.00
Marriages	45.00

Affidavits	13.00	
Doctors' Fees	.50	
Undertakers' Fees	4.25	
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		\$3,530.75

Mosquito Control:

State Reclamation Board	225.00
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Gypsy Moth:

Labor	140.00	
Spraying	450.00	
	<hr/>	590.00

Total Health and Sanitation	\$4,345.75
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Highways and Bridges:

Street Department:

Wages	1,680.05	
Salary—Supt.	260.00	
Salary—Tree Warden	35.00	
Gas and Oil	65.98	
Gravel, Cement, etc.	87.50	
Equipment and Tools	251.07	
Truck Repairs	45.89	
Bridge Repairs	234.56	
Cleaning Dump	107.00	
Tree Work	42.00	
Snow and Ice Removal	722.77	
Beacon Maintenance	36.00	
	<hr/>	3,567.82

Dighton-Berkley Bridge:

Wages	840.00	
Electric Power	13.00	
	<hr/>	853.00

Road Machinery Account:

Gas and Oil	300.18	
Truck Repairs	340.62	
Equipment Repairs	9.20	
	<hr/>	650.00

Chapter 81:

Labor	7,039.65	
Hired Equip-		
ment	7,114.86	
Materials	5,395.41	
	<hr/>	19,549.92

Chapter 90 Construction:

Signs	11.30
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Care of Town Elms:

Cutting and Trimming	745.00
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Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Labor	385.00	
Equipment	88.00	
Materials	1,027.00	
	<hr/>	1,500.00

Chapter 90 D-B Bridge:

Advertising	10.20	
Contract Work	14,041.11	
	<hr/>	14,051.31

Totals Highways and Bridges	\$40,928.35
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Charities and Veterans' Benefits:

Aid to Dependent Children:

Direct Aid:

Cash	7,138.86	
Kind	333.90	
Administration		
Salaries	517.55	
	<hr/>	7,990.31

Old Age Assistance:

Direct Aid:

Cash	34,227.40	
Kind	3,835.14	
Outside Relief	403.78	
Administration		
Salaries	1,088.51	
Travel Expenses	35.10	
	<hr/>	39,589.93

Public Welfare:

Cash Grants	3,910.16
Groceries	522.34
Fuel	125.58
Board and Care	165.00
Medical Care	155.90
Rent	224.00
Clothing	198.23
Laundry	29.70

Outside Relief:

Cities	242.78	
Towns	22.00	
	<hr/>	5,595.69

Taunton Greyhound Ass'n:

Christmas Donations	500.00
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General Relief Administration:

Administration

Salaries	383.21	
Clerks	1,417.54	
Mileage	38.16	
Telephone	162.74	
Office Supplies	171.77	
Association Dues	3.00	
Miscellaneous	9.30	
	<hr/>	2,185.72

Veterans' Benefits:

Salary of Agent	100.00	
Direct Aid	1,786.00	
Medical Care	52.70	
Dental Work	106.00	
Association Dues	5.00	
	<hr/>	2,049.70

Total Charities and Veterans' Benefits	\$57,911.35
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Schools and Library:

School Department:

Teachers'

Salaries	104,254.55
Gen. Control	6,898.32
Transporation	9,507.61
Telephones	525.55
Books	1,890.96
Supplies	3,515.17
Fuel	3,524.70
Gas	163.81

Electricity	1,556.25	
Janitors':		
Salaries	11,617.75	
Supplies	783.84	
Boiler Repairs	214.47	
High School		
Library	394.07	
Health	2,462.03	
Extra Instrumental		
Instruction	200.00	
Tuition	25.30	
Household Arts	43.35	
Vocational Shop	1,055.59	
Building and Equip-		
ment Repairs	1,787.92	
New Equipment	2,110.79	
Miscellaneous	1,052.10	
Dental Fund	943.19	
	<hr/>	154,527.32

U. S. Grants:

George Barden		
Fund	404.14	
Smith Huges Fund	340.05	
	<hr/>	744.19

School Water Supply:

Labor	280.00	
Power	139.40	
	<hr/>	419.40

Public Library:

Salary	499.92	
Assistant	2.00	

Janitor	230.00
Books	336.45
Periodicals	34.25
Mending	24.50
Supplies	39.27
Fuel	212.58
Light	37.00
Repairs	103.85
Water	6.00
Miscellaneous	4.29
Water Service	
Installation	67.37

1,597.48

Total Schools and Library

\$157,288.39

Unclassified School Accounts:

High School Cafeteria:

Labor	3,413.00
Food	10,058.72
Laundry	144.55
Supplies	84.93
Miscellaneous	8.30
New Equipment	122.15

13,831.65

High School Athletic Account:

Officers	114.00
Officials	450.00
U. S. Government Tax	80.18
Janitors	70.00
Cleaning	160.95
Transportation	243.50
Supplies	2,483.14
Scouting	20.72

Medical Attendance—	
Games	40.00
Printing Tickets and	
Football Programs	225.00
Registration	10.00
Miscellaneous	44.00
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	3,941.49

Elementary School Milk Account: 1,360.05

Total Unclassified School Accounts: \$19,133.19

New Elementary School Accounts:

Expenses Elementary School Planning
Committee:

Survey and Professional Services 241.20

School Site:

Land	5,100.00	
Professional Services	75.54	
	<hr/>	5,175.54

School Building Contruction:

Contract Esti-		
mates	173,204.63	
Architectual		
Services	21,059.05	
Advertising for		
Bids	119.27	
Service a/c Bonds	1,296.21	
Hired Equipment	100.00	
Miscellaneous	73.82	
	<hr/>	195,852.98

Unclassified and Miscellaneous:

Civil Defense:

Office Supplies	31.55	
Travel Expense	5.11	
Used Typewriter	49.50	
	<hr/>	86.16

Memorial Day:

Flags	45.00	
Plants	70.80	
	<hr/>	115.80

Town Cemetery Account:

Labor		78.40
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Tax Title Account:

Dighton Electric Light District		97.10
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Estimated Receipts:

Recording Deed	3.00	
Total Unclassified and Miscellaneous		\$380.46

Interest and Maturing Debt:

Interest:

High School		
Bonds	200.00	
High School		
Notes	15.63	
	<hr/>	215.63

Bond and Note Payments:

High School		
Bonds	4,000.00	

High School		
Notes	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	6,500.00
Total Interest and Maturing Debt		\$6,715.63

Agency and Trust Funds:

Trust Funds:

Cemetery Bequest	200.00	
Cemetery P. C.		
Funds	162.50	
Charles S. Chase		
Fund	20.10	
	<hr/>	382.60

State:

State Audit	672.09	
State Parks	394.16	
	<hr/>	1,066.25

County Taxes:

Dog Licenses	739.20	
Retirement Assess-		
ment	803.10	
T. B. Hospital		
Assessment	3,814.27	
County Tax	10,722.26	
	<hr/>	16,078.83

Federal Withholding Taxes:

Withheld from Wages	23,514.98
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County Retirement Fund:

Withheld from Wages	1,261.29
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Total Agency and Trust Funds	\$42,303.95
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Refunds:

Taxes:

1951 Real Estate 32.30

1951 Motor Vehicle

Excise 560.86

 593.16

 Total Expenditures \$574,254.52

 Cash Balance as of December 31, 1951 \$472,224.90

DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT

General Government:

Appropriation \$14,177.23

Expenditures 13,992.27

 \$184.96

Fire Department:

Appropriation 3,891.00

Reserve Account 141.36

 4,032.36

Expenditures 4,032.36

 Balance

None

Fire Department—Special:

Taunton Greyhound Assn. 700.00

Expenditures 700.00

 Balance

None

Police Department:

Appropriation	2,500.00
Reserve Account	4,110.00

	<u>6,610.00</u>
Expenditures	6,609.15

Balance		\$.85
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Police Department—Special:

Mt. Hope Finishing Co.	8,385.79
Taunton Greyhound Assn.	9,665.00

	<u>18,050.79</u>
Expenditures	18,050.79

Balance		None
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Gypsy Moth:

Appropriation	1,000.00
Expenditures	590.00

Balance		\$410.00
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Board of Health:

Appropriation	3,984.24
Expenditures	3,530.75

Balance		\$453.49
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Mosquito Control:

Appropriation	225.00
Expenditures	225.00

Balance		None
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Chapter 81:

Appropriation	6,900.00	
Excess & Deficiency	12,650.00	
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	19,550.00	
Expenditures	19,549.92	
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Balance		\$.08

Chapter 90 Construction:

Jan. 1 Balance	610.92	
Expenditures	11.30	
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Balance		\$599.62

Chapter 90 D-B Bridge:

Excess & Deficiency	17,500.00	
Expenditures	14,051.31	
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Balance		\$3,448.69

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Appropriation	500.00	
Excess & Deficiency	1,000.00	
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	1,500.00	
Expenditures	1,500.00	
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Balance		None

Dighton-Berkley Bridge:

Appropriation	900.00	
Expenditures	853.00	
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Balance		\$47.00

Road Machinery Account:

Road Machinery Fund	650.00
Expenditures	650.00

 Balance

None

Street Department:

Appropriation	3,750.00
Expenditures	3,567.82

 Balance

\$182.18

Care of Town Elms:

Appropriation	750.00
Expenditures	745.00

 Balance

\$5.00

Sidewalk Maintenance:

Appropriation	400.00
Expenditures	None

 Balance

\$400.00

Aid to Dependent Children:

Appropriation	6,000.00
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U. S. Grant:

1/1/51 Balance	1,128.26
from Grant	2,760.79

 Expenditures

9,889.05

7,472.76

 Balance—Appropriation

\$

262.74

Balance—U.S. Grant

\$

2,153.55

Old Age Assistance:

Appropriation	26,000.00
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U. S. Grant:

1/1/51 Balance	1,222.44
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from Grant	18,316.55
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	45,538.99
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Expenditures	38,466.32
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Balance—Appropriation	\$	601.59
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Balance—U.S. Grant	\$	6,471.08
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Veterans' Benefits:

Appropriation	2,500.00
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Expenditures	2,045.70
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Balance		\$454.30
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Public Welfare:

Appropriation	8,000.00
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Expenditures	5,163.69
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Balance		\$2,836.31
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General Relief Administration:

Appropriation	2,186.32
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Expenditures	2,185.72
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Balance		\$.60
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A. D. C. Administration:

1/1/51 Balance	472.08
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U. S. Grant	287.05
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	759.13
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Expenditures	517.55
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Balance—U.S. Grant		\$241.58
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O. A. A. Administration:

1/1/51 Balance	462.82	
U.S. Grant	915.67	
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	1,378.49	
Expenditures	1,123.61	
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Balance—U. S. Grant		\$254.88

Christmas Fund:

Taunton Greyhound Assn.	500.00	
Expenditures	500.00	
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Balance		None

School Department:

Appropriation	155,621.00	
Dog Fund	550.51	
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	156,171.51	
Expenditures	154,527.32	
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	1,644.19	
Transfer for Water Installation	\$	1,600.00
Balance	\$	44.19

U.S. Grant: Smith Hughes Fund:

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	340.05	
from U. S. Grant	248.70	
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	588.75	
Expenditures	340.05	
Balance	\$	248.70

U.S. Grant: George Barden Fund:

from U.S. Grant	404.14
Expenditures	404.14

 Balance

None

School Water Supply:

Appropriation	700.00
Expenditures	419.40

 Balance

\$ 280.60

Expenses School Planning Committee:

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	82.87
Reserve Account	158.33

 241.20

Expenditures	241.20
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 Balance

None

Elementary School Building Construction:

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	80,000.00
Bond Issue	470,000.00

 550,000.00

Expenditures	195,852.98
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 Balance

\$354,147.02

Elementary School Site:

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	166.20
Check Returned	5,100.00

 5,266.20

Expenditures	5,175.54
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 Balance

\$ 90.66

Public Library:

Appropriation	1,600.00
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Expenditures	1,597.48
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Balance	\$	2.52
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County T. B. Hospital Assessment:

Appropriation	3,814.27
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Expenditures	3,814.27
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Balance	None
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Federal Withholding Taxes:

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	1,419.70
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Withheld from wages	22,095.28
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23,514.98

Expenditures	23,514.98
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Balance	None
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County Retirement Tax:

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	83.97
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Withheld from wages	1,177.32
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1,261.29

Expenditures	1,261.29
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Balance	None
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Civil Defense:

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	100.00	
Appropriation	500.00	
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	600.00	
Expenditures	86.16	
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Balance		\$ 513.84

County Retirement Assessment:

Appropriation	\$803.10	
Expenditures	803.10	
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Balance		None

Memorial Day:

Appropriation	110.00	
Reserve Account	5.80	
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	115.80	
Expenditures	115.80	
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Balance		None

Tax Title Redemption Account:

Appropriation	200.00	
Expenditures	None	
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Balance		\$200.00

Land Taking Cost (Williams St.)

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	200.00	
Expenditures	None	
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Balance		\$200.00

Town Cemetery Account:

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	129.80	
Expenditures	78.40	
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Balance		\$51.40

Interest on Bonds & Notes:

Appropriation	215.63	
Expenditures	215.63	
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Balance		None

High School Bond Retirement:

Appropriation	4,000.00	
Expenditures	4,000.00	
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Balance		None

High School Note Retirement:

Appropriation	2,500.00	
Expenditures	2,500.00	
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Balance		None

High School Cafeteria Account:

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	1,126.88	
Receipts	12,745.01	
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	13,871.89	
Expenditures	13,831.65	
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Balance		\$40.24

High School Athletic Account:

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	312.21	
Appropriation	1,000.00	
Game Receipts	3,115.39	
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	4,427.60	
Expenditures	3,941.49	
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Balance		\$486.11

Elementary School Milk Account:

Jan. 1, 1951 Balance	215.40	
Receipts	1,271.67	
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	1,487.07	
Expenditures	1,360.05	
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Balance		\$127.02

Cemetery Bequest:

Amount Received	200.00	
Expenditures to P. C. Fund	200.00	
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Balance		None

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund:

Amount Received	162.50	
Expenditures	162.50	
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Balance		None

Charles S. Chase Trust Fund:

Interest Received	20.10
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Expenditures	20.10
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Balance	
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None

Dog Licenses:

Amount Received	739.20
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Expenditures	739.20
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Balance	
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None

Reserve Account Appropriated:

From Overlay Surplus	5,000.00
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Memorial Day	5.80
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Expense of School Planning Committee	158.33
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Fire Dept.	141.36
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Police Dept.	4,110.00
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	4,415.49
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Balance	
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\$584.51

Total Appropriation Balances

\$7,550.54

Revenue Receipts over Assessor's Estimate

12,379.74

Surplus Revenue to Excess and Deficiency Account for 1951	
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\$19,930.28

I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the reports contained herein are correct. The cash balances of all officers intrusted with the receipt, custody or expenditure of money have been verified and all such books and accounts are in order. The Tax Collector's report as published is correct. All payments to the Treasurer have been properly warranted, and all receipts have been recorded. Cash and Securities of the Trust Funds have been verified, all income accounted for, and all payments warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH D. LEEMING,

Town Auditor

Town of Dighton

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1951

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

LIABILITIES and RESERVES

Cash		\$472,224.90	LIABILITIES:		
Accounts Receivable:			U. S. Grants:		
1950 Real Estate Taxes	\$1,382.59		Aid to Dependent Children Adm.	241.58	
1950 Personal Property Taxes	120.53		Old Age Assistance Adm.	254.88	
1951 Poll Tax	10.00		Aid to Dependent Children	2,153.55	
1951 Real Estate Taxes	5,406.67		Old Age Assistance	6,471.08	
1951 Personal Property Taxes	568.65		Smith-Hughes Fund	248.70	
		7,488.44			9,369.79
1950 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	133.04		New Elementary School Site		90.66
1951 Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	1,957.72		New Elementary School		
			Building Construction		354,147.02
Tax Possessions		2,090.76	Premium on School Loan		737.90
Tax Titles		627.11	Road Machinery Fund		5,427.63
Departmental:		1,205.29	School Department—		
Aid to Dependent Children	801.91		Water Service Installation		1,600.00
Board of Health	32.86		Chapter 90 Dighton-Berkley Bridge		3,448.69
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	3.60		Civil Defense		513.84
School Department	5,477.01		Land Taking Costs		200.00
Veterans' Benefits	105.85		Town Cemetery Account		51.40
Public Welfare	148.09		High School Cafeteria Fund		40.24
		6,569.32	High School Athletic Fund		486.11
			Elementary School Milk Fund		127.02
			Tailings		184.80
			Treasurer's Unidentified Receipts		70.80

Aid to Highways:			
State—Chapter 81	10,629.71		
State—Chapter 90 Maintenance	500.00		
County—Chapter 90 Maintenance	500.00		
State—Chapter 90 D-B Bridge	1,729.44		
County—Chapter 90 D-B Bridge	1,414.92		
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	14,774.07		
1952 Revenue:			
State Taxes and Assessments		89.31	
County Taxes and Assessments		1,471.49	
		<hr/>	1,560.80
RESERVES:			
Overlay, Reserved for			
Abatement of 1950 Taxes		1,547.52	
Overlay, Reserved for			
Abatement of 1951 Taxes		1,189.81	
		<hr/>	2,737.33
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus			5,013.67
Revenue Reserved until collected:			
Departmental Revenue		6,569.32	
State and County Aid to			
Highways Revenue		14,774.07	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Rev.		2,090.76	
Tax Title Revenue		1,205.29	
Tax Possession Revenue		627.11	
		<hr/>	25,266.55
1952 Revenue:			
1949 Overlay			
	70.01		
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	\$505,049.90		
EXCESS and DEFICIENCY—Surplus			
Revenue		93,975.65	
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		\$505,049.90	

DEBT ACCOUNTS

	High School Construction Bonds	\$4,000.00
	Elementary School Construction Bonds	470,000.00
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Net Funded Debt		\$474,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:	Cemetery P. C. Funds	\$8,404.30
Cash and Securities	Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund	5,176.76
	Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	1,010.00
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		\$14,591.06

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1951

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Eugene M. White, Chairman North Dighton	1952
Edward C. French, Secretary North Dighton	1954
Lawrence Mendoza Dighton	1954
Richard DeMello Dighton	1952
Charles Swartz North Dighton	1953
Anthony Andrews North Dighton	1953

Superintendent

John J. Rolfe, B. Ed., M. Ed.
 Residence: 117 School Street, North Dighton
 Office: Dighton High School, Segreganset
 Telephone: Dighton 3361 (Office)
 Taunton 2-0698 (Home)

Office Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M.—9:30 A.M.
 and by appointment.

Secretary

Gladys Babbitt

School Physician

Charles M. Souza, M. D.

School Nurse

Esther Bowden, R. N.

Attendance Supervisor

Howell S. Carr

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to the first grade.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a certificate of vaccination or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary Schools

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school the notice will be broadcast over Radio Station WPEP, Taunton, and over Radio Station WSAR, Fall River. In addition, in North Dighton the street lights will be turned on from 7:45 to 8 A. M. In South Dighton three blasts on the Anchor Color and Gum Works whistle will be sounded at 7:45 A. M.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated there will be school at Dighton High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the

event of closing, the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for the elementary schools.

Transportation

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR**Calendar Year 1952****Dighton High School**

School opens	January 2, 1952
closes	February 15, 1952
School opens	February 25, 1952
closes	April 18, 1952
School opens	April 28, 1952
closes	June 20, 1952
School opens	September 3, 1952
closes	December 19, 1952

Elementary Schools

School opens	January 2, 1952
closes	February 15, 1952
School opens	February 25, 1952
closes	April 18, 1952
School opens	April 28, 1952
closes	June 13, 1952
School opens	September 3, 1952
closes	December 19, 1952

School will close on the following days:

April 11—Good Friday

May 30—Memorial Day

October 13—Columbus Day (October 12)

October 31—Teachers' Convention

November 11—Armistice Day

November 27 and 28—Thanksgiving Recess

FINANCIAL STATEMENT**Receipts**

Appropriation	\$156,621.00
Dog Tax	550.51
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	\$157,171.51

Expenditures

General Control	\$7,407.12
Transportation	9,477.61
Teachers' Salaries	104,254.55
Books	1,895.80
Supplies	3,550.13
Janitors' Salaries	11,617.75
Fuel	3,524.70
Electricity	1,556.25
Gas	163.81
Janitors' Supplies	779.65
Miscellaneous	1,250.18
Boiler Repairs	214.47
Repairs	1,780.04
Health	2,466.22
New Equipment	2,092.47
Library	394.07
Staff Expenses	16.75
Tuition	25.30
Vocational Education:	
General Shop—Day	1,073.91
Household Arts—Day	43.35
Dental Fund	943.19
Transferred to High School Athletics Acct.	1,000.00
Transferred to Water Account	1,600.00
Balance	44.19
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	\$157,171.51

NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 1951	\$156,127.32
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Receipts, 1951:

Chapter 70, General	
State Aid	\$29,960.97
Reimbursement, Superin-	
tendent's Salary and	
Travel	2,426.66
Reimbursement, Vocational	
Education	6,231.01

Tuition:

Berkley	6,949.50
Freetown	9,112.60
Rehoboth	7,580.90
Miscellaneous Tuition	677.50
Miscellaneous Receipts	284.34
Transportation	6,789.74
Dental Clinic Income	497.00

Total Receipts, 1951	70,510.22
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Net Cost to Town	85,617.10
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Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Citizens of Dighton:

Annually the School Department submits to the townspeople an annual report that sets forth pertinent information relative to the functioning of the schools. Although such a report may seem uninteresting to many, it nevertheless serves as a valuable record for the future. Such reports, however, are written to be read and not just to be stored away for the perusal of posterity. In order that the parents and other citizens may know just how the educational budget is spent and how the schools are functioning the law requires that an annual report be submitted. Many of the questions that are asked from time to time have been answered over and over again in the school reports.

I am pleased to submit my ninth annual report as Superintendent of Schools for the Town of Dighton.

Financial

The Dighton School Department is operating on what can very well be termed an economy budget. Comparisons with expenditures before prices increased will definitely show that increases in our budget items have not kept pace with price increases. Keeping our system operating at reasonable efficiency has required diligent effort.

Transportation and salaries account for eighty-five per cent of our budget. If a reduction in transportation costs were possible the town would save nothing because of state reimbursements. A reduction in salaries would

affect our being able to employ good teachers. At the present time we are paying salaries that are three hundred dollars less than the State average.

The services we offer are to a large extent the minimums permitted. We have no art program, no special class opportunities, no elementary physical education supervisor, no remedial reading teacher, no kindergartens, and no guidance director. With costs of our minimums of education constantly rising the time for offering any of the above services has not been deemed propitious.

The budget to be presented by the School Committee for 1952 is only \$1160.00 more than that of 1951, except for a transportation increase that is unknown at this time. However, any additional transportation cost is fully reimbursable.

The reduction in monies received from Rehoboth on account of high school tuition, increases the net cost of education to the Town. Our estimated income from that town for 1952 will be only one-half of what it was in 1951. At the present time only Rehoboth Juniors and Seniors attend school here.

School Housing

Next September will be the time of an anxiously awaited and long anticipated experience, that of moving into the new elementary school that will replace the South School, the North Primary School and the North Elementary School. We hope that we shall be able to stay within the original appropriation of \$550,000 for the entire completion and equipping of the school. If additional funds are needed the Town will gain by making the necessary appropriation because of the State participation.

Approximately forty-three per cent of the expenditure is reimbursable on all items of equipment including furniture, stage curtains, cafeteria equipment, basketball backstops, lawn mower, cleaning equipment, office equipment, and many miscellaneous items, as well as on the building itself and the improvement of the grounds. To fail to finish the project completely will mean that later on the Town will have to raise the entire amount for improvements that now will cost only \$.57 on each dollar expended.

Our new elementary school, which is located in Segreganset, is a brick faced building having eighteen classrooms, an office suite, a teachers' room for men and one for women, a health room, a small library, and an all purpose room with an adjoining kitchen, as well as the usual storage and auxiliary areas. The all purpose room will be used for assemblies, for physical education, and as a lunchroom. The use of steel tables and benches that fold into the wall makes it possible to utilize this room as a lunchroom without interfering unduly with our physical education program. The interior partitions are of cinder block construction with glazed tile wainscoting 5' high in the corridors. The toilets have tile floors and tile walls.

The classrooms, which measure 23 feet by 35 feet have fluorescent strip lighting and glass block windows with clear glass below, except on the north side where the windows are entirely of clear glass. Each room is equipped with a sink with counter space on each side, green glass chalkboards, built-in wardrobes, considerable tackboard, a large closet for book storage, and a closet for the use of the teacher. Throughout the building the ceilings are of acoustical material. All floors are of asphalt tile with the exception of the lobby and entrances which are terrazzo, and the floor of the all-purpose room

which is of wood. The ventilation and heating of each room is automatically controlled without any adjustment by the teachers.

The cafeteria kitchen will be equipped with a stainless steel counter that has two steam tables and a stainless steel milk cooler and has been designed to serve two lines of students simultaneously. The soiled dish counters, the pre-wash sink, the dish washer, the dish truck, the refrigerator, the hood over the stove, the pot sinks, and the undershelving throughout the room, will be in stainless steel. There will also be provided a deep freezer, two frialators, a ten burner range, a potato peeler, an electric mixer, an electric slicer, two work tables, and many miscellaneous items. Maximum effort has been made by the building committee to furnish the kitchen so that it will be superior in terms of cleanliness, efficiency, and durability. We are sure that the townspeople will be proud of it.

The clock system is an I. B. M. electronic installation. Provisions for an intercommunication system are being made whereby any one of the classrooms and auxiliary rooms or any combination of them can be contacted from the office. In addition, the school personnel will be able to initiate calls from any one of twenty-two locations.

There will be two large blacktop play areas provided so that the pupils will have dry play space in muddy weather and so that a minimum of dirt will be brought into the building. The size of the site makes possible the use of large grass areas for general play purposes and for such activities as football, baseball and soccer.

From the beginning of the planning the objective has been to construct a school that will be attractive,

easily maintained, durable, and well built and that will meet the needs of a modern program of education and school living.

As a matter of record it might be well to set forth here the names of the school building committee, the architect, and the builder. They are as follows:

James K. Allen, Chairman	Lawrence Mendoza
Walter H. Candelet, Secretary	Richard M. DeMello
Helen H. Lane	Eleanor S. Smith
Theodore B. Ladd	Charles A. Briggs
H. Judson Robinson	

John J. Rolfe, Advisor

Israel T. Almy, Architect

H. V. Collins Construction Company,
Builder

New Equipment

In order that our schools may be equipped for a higher degree of efficiency it is necessary to purchase new equipment from time to time and also to replace worn out items. In our elementary schools we made no purchases of this nature during the past year because of the advisability of waiting for the needs to be taken care of under our new building equipment program where State participation will reduce the town cost to \$.57 on each dollar. In the high school six sewing machines that were twenty-one or more years old were replaced by the purchase of six new Singer machines. We received a forty-five per cent discount in addition to a turn-in allowance. Other items supplied were: an adding machine, an electric clock for the exterior of the building, (a gift of the 1951 Senior Class) seven powder type fire extinguishers,

and a wet-dry pick-up machine to be used for cleaning purposes.

Our need for an oil burner at the high school has been discussed in town reports for the past ten years. This equipment should be provided as soon as the financial condition of the town will permit.

Repairs

In the elementary schools the only repairs that were undertaken were those of a minor or emergency nature. The usual general cleaning was done during the summer vacation together with some painting in areas that were extremely dingy.

In the high school the usual scrubbing, sealing, and waxing of all floors was done by the janitors during the summer as well as during the other school vacation periods. Sections of the cement walks that were crumbling were patched. Stonework over the doorways was repointed. Considerable fill from the new elementary school was used in the low section on the east side of the athletic field.

E. L. McGuire of Taunton was employed to point up the parapets on the north and south ends of the building and to replace broken roof slates. This pointing-up job has been needed for the past few years.

Within the next few years we have several projects that will be necessary. Our driveways are becoming washed out and will need resurfacing. The exterior trim will require a complete painting. The vocational auto shop refinishing will require more time than the janitors have at their disposal. We have patched our cement walks on several occasions, but their continued crumbling

indicates that a major replacement job will be necessary eventually. The difficulty in heating several of our classrooms can be remedied by providing insulation above the ceilings.

Funds in the amount of \$1600.00 for installation of water at the high school have been transferred from the 1951 budget to a special account and will be used when the work is completed. At the South School water will be provided from the new water system through our old pipes until school closes in June, but not thereafter.

School Activities

This year we have made a special effort to either eliminate or curtail a number of activities which were beneficial in themselves but which took more time than we can spare. We have the same number of hours in the school day that were available thirty years ago and we must substantially teach the same fundamentals. With most of our pupils riding on school buses we must carry on our extra activities during school time and therefore must be careful of our choices. In the last analysis the fundamentals of reading, writing, and arithmetic must be mastered even though we must curtail some of the activities where there are many learning situations.

Realizing that parents and other townspeople have many calls for donations of all kinds we have tried to eliminate as many of our money projects as possible. There are some others that we would like to dispense with but tradition is a strong factor that makes us skeptical about going too far. Parental reactions can help guide us in this problem and are most welcome.

In the 1950 Town report we pointed out that a new series of readers was being tried out with the intention

of replacing our worn out ones. This series, published by Ginn & Company, was so enthusiastically received by pupils and teachers that they were purchased for all of our primary grades.

Miscellaneous

Last April the State fire marshall prohibited any further use of our vocational shops for welding, open forge work, or spray painting. We continue to carry on this type of work outdoors in good weather. This restriction handicaps our vocational program considerably but limited training is still possible.

Next September, with the opening of the new elementary school, all but a very few of the pupils will have to be transported. An additional two buses will have to be used and there will be a considerable increase in milage and money expenditure. However, all of this additional cost is fully reimbursable by the State.

During the year a P.-T.A. was formed for the entire town. Such an organization can be of inestimable value in supporting the educational program and in assisting the schools in many ways through the energy, ability, and willingness of its members. We are looking forward to calling on their talents frequently in the years ahead.

Our elementary tuition rate was increased from the nominal sum of \$50.00 to \$100.00. The committee approves elementary tuition students in certain special cases. This rate is considerably below our actual cost. The high school rate which remains at \$150.00 is about \$50.00 below our cost but the benefits that accrue to Dighton can very well make up the differential.

Conclusion

I wish to thank the school personnel, the town officials, the parents, and the townspeople in general for the support that they have given the school department during the past year. It has been a trying period in which we might very well have expected the morale of the students to be affected, but to everyone's surprise our schools continued in a spirit of harmony and co-operation. I wish to especially thank the building committee for its indefatigable efforts on behalf of our new elementary school and for its desire to give us a school that will be superior in every way.

In closing I wish to point out that without a co-operative school committee a school superintendent cannot do his best work and a school system suffers as a result. I am fortunate to have a committee that has been highly co-operative and that has been sincerely interested in providing the best education possible for the children of Dighton.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. ROLFE,

Superintendent of Schools

Report of the School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Mr. Rolfe:

I hereby submit the following report as School Nurse for the year ending, December 31, 1951.

All of the pupils enrolled in the Dighton School were given a physical examination by the School Doctor, Dr. Charles M. Souza. Again, the Massachusetts Vision Test and the Telebinocular, were employed in the eye examinations. The Puretone Audiometer was used for the hearing tests. Although the three above mentioned examinations are not new to our health program, they have proven to be increasingly beneficial to the welfare, comfort, and health of the pupils.

A new program is now available to the children in Dighton. The Bristol County Mental Health Clinics, Inc. is now open to children who have been referred through the recommendation of the school authorities, family physician, clergy, or by any responsible social agency. This service was previously provided by a travelling unit sponsored by the Massachusetts State Mental Health Department.

Vaccinations and free physical examinations were given to the twenty-five children attending the Pre-school Clinic. The Toxoid Clinic was attended by many of the same children, in addition to other pre-school age children. Many booster doses were administered.

The Dental Clinic was held for a total of sixty-four days, with four hundred thirty one pupils in attendance. Approximately one hundred forty nine pupils have been reported as having all the necessary dental work completed.

On May 1, 1951 twenty-one Red Cross certificates were presented to the members of the home nursing class held at the high school.

Only five school age, physically handicapped children have been reported. Two are in private schools, one

has returned to day school, one is receiving home instructions, and the fifth is remaining at home for care.

Again, I wish to thank the school authorities and parents, for their constant co-operation and help in carrying out this health program.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R.N.

Report of the Principal of the Dighton High School

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Mr. Rolfe:

I herewith submit my third annual report as Principal of the Dighton High School.

Periodically it is wise to glance backward and survey the field we have covered. Recommendations for discontinuing what is now not effective can be made and suggestions for improvement can be formulated. The nature of this report will deal with some of the more important departments of the Dighton High School.

Attendance

Although we did not admit Rehoboth students in the Sophomore class this year, our enrollment remained close to that of last year. As of October 1, 1951, there were 308 students enrolled in the school. This was a decrease of 6 over the previous year.

Enrollment indicating the distribution of pupils by towns and curricula statistics on October 1, 1951, follows:

Enrollment Statistics

Class	Dighton	Freetown	Berkley	Rehoboth	Taunton	Total
Freshmen	53	20	13	0	0	86
Sophomore	30	16	15	0	0	61
Junior	30	15	10	19	2	76
Senior	33	16	12	22	0	83
Post Graduate	1	0	1	0	0	2
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Totals	147	67	51	41	2	308

Curricular Statistics

Class	College	Commercial	General	Vocational	Totals
Freshmen	30	32	8	16	86
Sophomore	21	23	6	11	61
Junior	34	24	11	7	76
Senior	25	27	16	15	83
Post Graduate	2	0	0	0	2
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Total	112	106	41	49	308

Our enrollment should remain at a reasonable figure for two more years. Then as Dighton and the surrounding towns from which we take tuition pupils grow,

we will experience difficulty in housing the additional students. It would appear that the High School may become a school for Dighton pupils only within a few years.

Academic Program

As our High School has grown in number of pupils, so has the pupil load of our faculty increased. In order to give the most effective teaching possible, classes should not contain more than twenty-five pupils. Never should they be allowed to go over thirty pupils. Our class average is normal but offsetting some of our smaller classes, particularly the vocational classes which necessarily must have a fewer number of students, we have twenty-six classes that number over twenty-five and of these fourteen have over thirty pupils.

Two possibilities exist that would enable us to lower the pupil-teacher load. First, the total number of students in the High School could be reduced by eliminating some of our tuition pupils. Six years ago, with the same size faculty as we have today, two hundred and fifty-two pupils were enrolled. Secondly, the addition of another teacher would eliminate our large classes, allow most of the pupils to do their studying in school under supervision, place the health class in the academic program where it belongs, resume our cooking class, fulfill the state requirements as far as related work goes and allow more time for library, guidance and other needed school functions. My recommendation is that an additional instructor be obtained to handle the related and academic work in the Vocational School. This would enable us to meet the state vocational requirements and at the same time it would decrease the size of many of our high school classes since the majority of the vocational related work is taught by the high school faculty.

Extra-Curricula Program

The extra-curricular program enables us to meet the demands of young people that cannot be given through the usual academic program. As in the past, we are offering Photography, Audio-Visual Aids, Driver Training, Home Nursing, Cooking, Handicrafts, Typewriting, Traypainting, Yearbook, Band, Orchestra, Glee Clubs, Dramatics, School Newspaper, Mechanical Drawing, Athletics, and other popular subjects.

We feel the extra-curricular program has proven its place in the modern high school curriculum, but it must not interfere with the academic program. Special stress has been placed in that direction this year and both programs are operating more successfully.

The Driver Education course is again proving exceptionally popular and we are experiencing trouble in finding time to take care of all seniors who need this course. If the demand continues and the course is taught as the State Department recommends, more time will have to be allotted to this activity.

The Health Club, which is required of all Freshmen, will be taken out of the Extra-Curricular Program next year, and made a part of the Academic Program. This will be in line with present day curricula.

Audio-Visual Aids is functioning as well as possible with the time allotted to it. This year we have not emphasized audio-visual aids as much as we did during the previous year and we are attempting to do a better job with the material we do use. All teachers are required to preview films before they are used and only material that correlates with work being done is ordered.

Assemblies

Our assembly program consists of educational speakers, student talent and exchange assemblies between neighboring schools. We felt last year our program became too common-place and to increase its effectiveness we have scheduled fewer, but well-selected assemblies.

Athletics

For the second time in three years, we won the State Class D championship and for the third successive year the Narragansett Interscholastic League title. This team was probably the greatest of all Dighton High School football teams, not only in its offensive and defensive prowess, but also for its outstanding sportsmanship, fair play, and great spirit. It is our aim to develop young men and young women who, while exerting every effort to win, can win or lose with grace.

The track team won the Narragansett Interscholastic Invitation Meet for the fourth successive year. The new trophy, on which we have now won the first leg, was made available by the Dighton High School Adult Activities Club. Our baseball team won ten and lost four games finishing second in the Narry League. The basketball team won six and lost twelve. The girls' basketball team enjoyed another successful season losing only one game. They finished second in their division of the Narry League.

Through the backing of the D. H. S. Adult Activities Club and the hard work of Mrs. Eleanor Smith, a very successful banquet was held at the High School for the Girls' Basketball Squad and the Cheerleaders. The Adult

Activities Club has again made a banquet available for the football squad and has also included the Cheerleaders and the High School Band. For the first time in several years, it is to be held at the High School.

Guidance

Our Guidance Program has reached its maximum effectiveness with the amount of time allotted to it. The Group Guidance Class is very valuable and warrants more assigned time. More and more the home is delegated to the school guidance problems that formerly were family questions. We urgently need some one trained in counseling and guidance to spend time studying these problems. As in the past, the Massachusetts State Employment Service gave vocational aptitude tests to seniors. All seniors not continuing their education beyond High School were interviewed, tested, and classified. The counseling and testing results were useful in placing seniors in suitable positions. In addition to the General Aptitude Battery, the senior commercial students were given speed tests in typing and shorthand, The Boston University Co-operative Guidance Test, which is taken on a voluntary basis in the Junior year, is exceptionally valuable for guidance purposes and should be offered by the school to all juniors.

Cafeteria

Each year it is becoming increasingly difficult to meet our expenses in the cafeteria from lunch room receipts and the state reimbursement. We have not increased the cost of the main dish in five years but still manage to give a complete well-balanced meal for twenty-five cents. However, if the cost of food continues to rise, it will be necessary to increase the charge for the hot plate, decrease the amount and variety of food, or ask

for an appropriation to supplement the cafeterial receipts. I feel that the first two suggestions would not be the answer since statistics show that as the price goes up, the number of sales decrease. Potatoes and butter, items which have always been government subsidies, have been withdrawn and we are forced to purchase these supplies on the open market. This has been partially overcome by a recent state law which allows the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to provide money to make up the difference between what the Federal Government pays in reimbursement and the maximum it is allowed to pay. This year we are getting the maximum reimbursement for the first time in a considerable number of years.

Scholarship and Follow-up of 1951 Graduating Class

Three scholarships were offered for the first time. Two one-hundred dollar scholarships were made available by the Dighton Teachers' Association and were awarded by the Scholarship Committee to Gordon Willette, who is attending Brown University, and to Emily Sanson, who is attending Bridgewater State Teachers' College. The Mothers' Fireside Circle made a fifty dollar scholarship available and this was awarded to Josephine Rego who is also attending Bridgewater State Teachers' College. The surface for aid to students has only been scratched and much more must be done by individuals, organizations, and industry, if well-deserving students are going to be able to finance a college education.

Sixteen graduates of the Class of 1951 are attending schools of higher learning. This is seventy per cent of the number who prepared themselves in high school for college.

Follow-up of 1951 Graduating Class

(a) Graduates	59
(b) Attending Teachers Colleges	2
(c) Attending Other Colleges	4
(d) Attending Nursing Schools	5
(e) Attending Other Schools	5
(f) Total Continuing School	16 or 27%

This report must not close without a special word of appreciation to you, and to the members of the School Committee. You have worked diligently for long hours in the interest of our schools and we at the High School would take this opportunity to thank you and the School Committee for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. GILLESPIE, Principal.

Report of the Music Supervisor

In submitting my fifth annual report as music supervisor in the Dighton Public Schools I feel that a foundation has been laid for a well-balanced music program. The musical organizations in the system have found their respective levels in that the various groups are not growing in number, however, the caliber of the music and its performance is improving.

When a musical organization performs well it should be given the opportunity to perform publicly and to feel that its work is appreciated. Public appearances "polish" a group and enable the individual to gain poise. In the past year, the high school musical organizations

appeared publicly many times and the value of these public appearances was proven when these organizations appeared at the Southeastern Massachusetts Music Festival in May, 1951 and received excellent ratings on stage deportment, technique and interpretation.

The result of the elementary school instrumental program is now being felt in the high school instrumental organizations. In the past it has been necessary to combine elementary and high school instrumentalists to form a well-balanced band. However, this year an acceptable band made up entirely of high school members performed at the majority of the football games. Continued growth in the number of band members as well as their musical performance will serve to keep the band in its present position as a vital part, not only of the town of Dighton, but of surrounding communities.

The national shortage of string players at the school age level is becoming a thing of the past as far as the Dighton Public Schools are concerned. At present there are 14 string players in the Elementary schools and an additional 10 string players in the high school orchestra. These figures compare very favorably with towns of larger size than Dighton.

The vocal program continues its activity with the music supervisor visiting each class in the elementary schools once a week. Intensive work in the treatment of uncertain singers in the first four grades is a vital part of this program and the balance of the work at this level is the introduction of the minimum knowledge necessary for note reading. The work from the fifth grade to the eighth grade continues technically to present more opportunity for the child's growth in music reading and all round musical experiences.

Opportunity in vocal music exists for every pupil in the system from the first grade through the four years of high school and opportunity in instrumental music continues for every pupil in the system from the fourth grade through the four years of high school.

The large number of students participating in musical programs in the entire school system indicates that the basic philosophy of the music department is well chosen, namely—Music for All.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK A. HARRIS, JR.,

Music Supervisor

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
Dighton High School
High School Auditorium, June 14, 1951

Program

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|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Overture—"Progress of Youth" | Herfurth |
| Orchestra | |
| *Processional March—"Praise Ye the Father" | Gounod |
| March Pontifical | |
| Orchestra | |
| Invocation— | |
| Rev. Philip M. Kelsey | |
| Brick Congregational Church, Dighton | |
| Welcome— | |
| George Dutra | |
| President of Class | |
| Baritone-Soprano Duet—"God Bless America" | Berlin |
| Roger Proulx—Cynthia Gay | |
| Student Address—The House of Many Lamps | |
| Margaret Lamoureux | |
| Student Address—Footsteps in the Sand | |
| Gordon Willette | |
| Selection—"Battle Hymn of the Republic" | Steffe |
| Senior Class | |
| Address— | |
| Dr. Edwin P. Booth | |
| Boston University School of | |
| Theology | |

Presentation of Awards—

Edward H. Gillespie
Principal

Rensselaer Polytechnic Medal
D. A. R. History Medal
D. A. R. Good Citizen Award
John Charves Award
Commercial Award
Bion L. Pierce Awards
John W. Synan Awards
Scholarship Awards

Baritone Solo—"The House by the Side of
the Road"

Gulesian

Roger Proulx

†Presentation of Diplomas—

Edward C. French
Secretary of the Dighton School Committee

Selection—"Halls of Ivy"

Russell

Senior Class

Benediction—

Rev. William Dolan
St. Joseph's Church, North Dighton

Recessional March—"Attainment"

Ellwood

Orchestra

Frederick A. Harris, Jr.
Supervisor of Music

*The audience is requested to remain seated during the
Processional March.

†The audience is requested to refrain from applause until
all diplomas have been distributed.

CLASS OF 1951

Joan Elizabeth Aguas	†Sally Ann Horsman
Joan Constance Bennett	*Joyce Horton
*Beatrice May Bettencourt	Stuart M. Hunter
*Victor John Bissonnette, Jr.	*Laura Jeanne Jette
John Anthony Costa	Arthur Robert Sanford Klaeson, Jr.
Phyllis Norma Costa	Judith Anne Knox
George Thomas Cudworth, Jr.	†Marguerite Helen Lamoureux
Cassius Atwood Cummings	Flora Clara Mattos
†Marilyn Hildreth Daley	James Donald McGillick
George Anthony Dutra	Muriel Elizabeth McNeil
Barbara Ann French	*Eleanor Rose Medeiros
Richard Edward French	Philip Randall Morse
Cynthia Ruth Gay	Muriel Frances Munroe
Charles Marsden Gilbert, Jr.	George Allen Packard
John A. Gorden	*Louis E. Perry
Joan Louise Hagar	Manuel George Perry, Jr.
Julia Joan Heroux	Eugenia Susan Phillips
Barbara Ann Hindle	Roger H. Proulx
June Ellen Hixon	James Reed

Evangeline Jeanne Rego	Catherine Edna Smith
*Josephine Shirley Rego	Esther Lillian Sprague
Kenneth Rodney Rezendes	Violet May Spratt
Marjorie Ann Rose	*Kathleen Stevens
Patrick H. Rose	Lorrayne Joan Sylvia
*Emily Rita Sanson	*Lorraine P. Tanguay
Manuel Albert Santos	*Alice E. Thomas
Frank Perry Silvia, Jr.	*Lorna Mae Tingley
George Edward Simmons, Jr.	Mary Helen Constance Turgeon
Althea May Simonds	
Joseph R. Slivinski, Jr.	†Gordon Louis Willette

†First Honors—An average of 90 or more for four years.

*Second Honors—An average of 85 to 90 for four years.

Class Officers

George Dutra	President
Violet Spratt	Vice-President
Victor Bissonnette	Treasurer
Alice E. Thomas	Secretary

Class Motto

"We were all of one mind, and that mind good."

Class Advisor

Olivio A. Lopes

Dighton School Committee

Eugene M. White, Chairman

Edward C. French, Secretary

Richard DeMello, Financial Secretary

Anthony Andrews Lawrence Mendoza

Charles Swartz

John J. Rolfe, Superintendent of Schools

GRADUATION EXERCISES
DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
June 6, 1951

Processional

Invocation

Rev. Joseph Gamson
North Dighton Methodist

Selection—"America the Beautiful" Samuel A. Word

SYMBOLS OF FREEDOM

(Pupils in order of first speaking)

Robert DeArruda	Robert Contildes
Henrietta Santos	Elaine Pine
Joanne Smith	Diane Boucher
James Denbow	Lorraine Costa
Raymond Ferreira	Lucille Costa
Jeremiah Cottrell	Ruth McCracken
William Ferreira	Kenneth Horton
Janice Lefaivre	Manuel Souza
Judith Clapp	Barbara Vickers
Edward Pontes	Nancy Rozan
LeRoy Tranter	Richard Lassen
Paul Hoffshire	Elizabeth Torres
Edward Torres	Richard Ferreira
Mary Paiva	Jeanne Carrier
Cynthia Clark	Robert Sherman
Irene Milliken	

Selection—"Bells of Freedom"

Ruth Spencer

Symbols of Freedom

(Continued)

Kathleen Medeiros	Joyce Soares
Mary Jane Mello	Bette Adams
Edward O'Connell	Richard Rodier
Wilfred LaPointe	David French
Robert Torres	Janet Lefaivre

Selection—"Hail Liberty" Music Sir Arthur Sullivan

Words by

Jeanne Carrier	Elizabeth Torres
Joyce Stanford	Ronald Tetreault
Alberta Motta	Ronald Tetreault
Vivian Evangelho	Alice Lee
Joan Gracia	Norma Crawford
Robert Silvia	Joyce Stanford
Kenneth Cummings	Janet Rose
John Rolfe	Manuel Correira
Maynard Horton	David Phillips
John Martin	Allen Hay

Selection—"How Lovely Are the
Messengers" F. Mendelssohn

Presentation of Diplomas

John J. Rolfe

Superintendent of Schools

Selection—Class Song Paul Bliss

Benediction

Rev. John S. Laughlin, M. A.
Pastor, St. Peter's Church

Recessional

Frederick A. Harris, Jr., Music Supervisor
John J. Rolfe, Superintendent of Schools

GRADUATES

Bette Jean Adams	Janice Mary Lefaivre
John Richard Allen	John Edward Martin
Diane Glance Boucher	Ruth Aylward McCracken
Jeanne Beth Carrier	Kathleen Medeiros
Judith Ilene Clapp	Mary Jane Mello
Cynthia Hudson Clark	Irene Milliken
Robert Santos Contildes	Alberta Motta
Manuel Correia	Edward Francis O'Connell
Lorraine Costa	Mary Jesus Paiva
Lucille Carol Costa	David Phillips
Jeremiah Francis Cottrell	Elaine Agnes Pine
Norma Eileen Crawford	Edward Pontes
Kenneth William Cummings	Richard Francis Rodier
Robert DeArruda	John James Rolfe, Jr.
James Byron Denbow	Janet Rose
Vivian Lee Evangelho	Nancy May Rozan
Raymond Paul Ferreira	Henrietta Janet Santos
Richard Everett Ferreira	Robert Franklin Silvia
William Moniz Ferreira	Robert Benjamin Sherman
David Alan French	Joanne Edna Smith
Joan Mary Gracia	Joyce Beatrice Soares
Allen Bromley Hay	Manuel Stephen Souza
Paul James Hoffshire	Joyce Elizabeth Stanford
Kenneth Andrew Horton	Ronald Roger Tetreault
Maynard F. Horton, Jr.	Edward L. Torres
Richard Arnold Lassen	Elizabeth Joan Torres
Wilfred Leo LaPointe	Robert Charles Torres
Alice Evon Lee	Edgar LeRoy Tranter
Janet Isabell Lefaivre	Barbara-Jean Vickers

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1951

DIGHTON SCHOOLS

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Olive W. Crawford	30	30
Anne M. Phillips	32	32
Marie E. Jones	20	20
Henry F. Hicks, Jr.	25	25
Donald Nesmith	20	20
Joseph F. Comerford, Principal	27	27
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		218

Total Elementary Schools	446
Dighton High Schools	
Post Graduates	2
	308
Total Enrollment in Dighton Schools	754
Number attending Private Elementary Schools	9
Number attending Private Secondary Schools	19

AGE—GRADE ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1951

Grade	Age																Totals
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
1	10	45	5														60
2		9	42	8													59
3			11	56	11	2											80
4				16	31	8											55
5					9	31	8										48
6						8	32	8	2								50
7							2	26	8	3							39
8							1	6	41	6	1						55
9								1	11	59	11	1					*83
10										15	42	6					*63
11											15	46	16				*77
12												15	60	10			*85
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	10	54	58	80	51	49	43	41	62	83	69	68	76	10			754

*Includes Tuition Students

ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOLS**(October 1, 1951)**

Dighton High School	308
South Elementary School	218
North Elementary School	100
North Primary School	128
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	754

Tuition Pupils—Dighton High School:

Regular

Berkley	42
Freetown	58
Rehoboth	37
Taunton	2

Vocational

Berkley	7
Freetown	8
Rehoboth	4

Post Graduate

Berkley	1
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159

Net Total Enrollment—Dighton Pupils 595

DIGHTON SCHOOL FACULTY — DECEMBER 31, 1951

DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal			
Edward H. Gillespie, M. Ed.	97 Spring St., No. Dighton	Tufts College, Boston Univ.	1947
Vice Principal			
Leo P. DeMarco, M. Ed.	721 Bay St., Taunton	Fordham Univ., Boston Univ.	1946
Faculty			
William A. Campbell, A.B.	29 Fairfield St., Boston	Suffolk University	1951
Charles F. Day	Walker St., No. Dighton	Fitchburg Teachers' Coll.	1943
Alice C. Fallon	935 Robeson St., Fall River	Bay Path Institute	1949
Ann A. Lanoue, A.B.	221 Oliver St., Fall River	Providence College	1946
Janet E. Kinnane, B.S. in Ed.	58 Prospect St., Fall River	Framingham State Teach. Coll.	1950
Olivio A. Lopes, M. Ed.	1679 Somerset Ave., Taunton	Bridgewater Teachers College	
Charles C. O'Connell	1679 Somerset Ave., Taunton	Middlebury College	1947
Norma J. Rizy, B.S. in Phys. Ed.	Ogden's Cor., Rockville, Conn.	Taunton High School	1944
Walter R. Scanlon, Ph.B.	10 Greylock Ave., Taunton	Boston Univ., Sargent	1948
Jean P. Simms, A.B.	71 Arlington St., Taunton	Providence College	1950
Eleanor S. Smith, B.S. in Ed.	289 Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton	Regis College	1946
Francis R. Vitale, M. Ed.	159 Winter St., Haverhill	Suffolk University	1924
		Boston University	1951

NORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal

Hope W. Hamilton, M. Ed.	Pleasant St., Dighton	Bridgewater Teach. Coll.	1928
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Faculty

George R. Pauley, Jr., M. Ed.	41 Willey St., Brockton	Bridgewater Teach. Coll.	1948
Helen M. Simmons	4 Avon St., Somerset	Thibodeau Business Coll.	1946
Helen C. Turner	150 Summerfield St., Fall River	Framingham Normal School	1946

NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Principal

Rose E. Borges	6 Pleasant St., Dighton	Bridgewater Normal School	1927
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Faculty

Lena W. Cowell	139 Jackson St., Fall River	Bridgewater Normal School	1947
Mary DeMello, B.S. in Ed.	County St., Dighton	Lowell Teachers' Coll.	1951
Doris M. Ferreira	490 Woodman St., Fall River	Perry Normal	1949
Frances S. Nesmith, B.S. in Ed.	44 Myrtle St., Brockton	Bridgewater Teach. Coll.	1949

SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal

Joseph F. Comerford, M. Ed.	10 Reed St., Taunton	Bridgewater Teach. Coll., Boston Univ.	1946
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Faculty

Dorothy B. Bagley	54 Coral St., Fall River	Perry Kindergarten Normal	1948
Olive W. Crawford	411 Prospect St., Fall River	Bridgewater Normal School	1947
Margaret Harrington	233 Whipple St., Fall River	Framingham Normal School	1946
Henry F. Hicks, Jr., B.S. in Ed.	452 Division St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teach. Coll.	1951
Marie E. Jones, B.S. in Ed.	404 Cohannet St., Taunton	Lowell Teach. Coll.	1950
Donald C. Nesmith, B.S. in Ed.	44 Myrtle St., Brockton	Bridgewater Teach. Coll.	1949
Anne M. Phillips	59 Freedom St., Fall River	Bridgewater Normal School	1948

MUSIC SUPERVISOR (Elementary and High)

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Frederick A. Harris, Jr., M. Ed.	83 Chase St., No. Dighton	Boston University	1946

CUSTODIANS

Name	Home Address	School	App'd.
Howell S. Carr	Elm St., Dighton	Dighton High School	1942
Louis H. Carr	Elm St., Dighton	Dighton High School	1947
John Gray	40 Tremont St., North Dighton	South Elementary School	1947
John Ingham	110 School St., North Dighton	North Schools	1946

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Teacher	Position	Date of Resignation	Reason
Arthur B. Chabaton	Science, High School	May 18, 1951	Entered Service
Margaret M. Gibbons	Grade 2, North Primary	June 21, 1951	Married
Joseph A. Kudera	Math., 6, 7, 8, South School	June 21, 1951	Teaching in Brockton

